



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Tehachapi District
15101 Lancaster Road
Lancaster, CA 93536

PROJECT TITLE: Restore Spring

LOCATION: Tomo-Kahni SHP

COUNTY: Kern

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project is to restore the natural flow of water by disconnecting an old existing PVC pipe that was diverting water from the natural spring. The water will empty into the existing (now dry) small wetland area and then into the natural stream channel. The water flow was estimated at approximately 135 gallons per day, and is sufficient to sustain a small pool of surface water for wildlife and a small patch of wetland vegetation. In order to avoid disturbance to this protected cultural resources site, ground disturbance will be avoided. A wildlife friendly water trough will be set on rocks on the surface of the ground within the existing channel. The trough will be made of wood, 2 it x 10 ft x 1 ft deep.

It is expected that the water will soak into the soil in the sloping stream channel, within about 20 to 30 feet. Some native wetland plants are present and should recolonize the site within a few years. Annual beardgrass and other invasive exotic plants will be removed by hand pulling, as needed.

The fence surrounding the spring box (t-posts and barbed wire) will be removed and a more appropriate fence (smooth wire, hog wire, wood rails, or other suitable material) will be constructed to keep hikers at an appropriate distance.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Tehachapi

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 4 Section(s): 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Resource management projects” (Class 4, Section 15304);

- “The project will result in the improvement of habitat for wildlife resources” (Class 4, Section 15304d); and
- “Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment” (Class 4, Section 15304e)

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