



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Tehachapi District  
43779 15<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, CA 93534

**PROJECT TITLE:** Abandoned Mine Closure

**LOCATION:** Antelope Valley Indian Museum SHP **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project is to permanently close an abandoned mine within the boundaries of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum State Historic Park. The abandoned mine is a simple mine with one large adit and one very small horizontal adit. It's estimated that there is at least 150 feet of underground workings. The main portal has extensive creep debris and rock slippage from the surrounding hillside. In 2009 in conjunction with the Department of Conservation Abandoned Mines Lands Unit a complete inventory of abandoned mines was completed for Antelope Valley Indian Museum State Historic Park. As part of this inventory process, a remediation work plan was developed to identify and prioritize these abandoned mines and features for closure with the Park. The project is to remove the rocks and debris from the portal and install a bat / wildlife friendly gate, which will be installed onsite and anchored into the rock. The bat / wildlife friendly gate will be a standard design angle-iron bat gate (with a removable steel bar with McGard bolt), set approximately 5 feet inside the adit portal. A small backhoe will be needed to pull and remove rocks and debris from the portal, to allow access to the main adit, which is needed to permanently secure the bat / wildlife friendly gate in place.

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: 1&4 Section(s): 15301 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)

Project will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources (class 4d)

Project does not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters (class 4i)

**CONTACT:** Russ Dingman, District Environmental Coordinator  
California Department of Parks & Recreation  
Tehachapi District Headquarters  
43779 15<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, CA 93534

**PHONE NO.:** (661) 726-1672

**EMAIL:** rdingman@parks.ca.gov

---

Kathy Weatherman  
District Superintendent, Tehachapi District

---

Date