



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: USGS Early Warning Seismic Station
LOCATION: Tule Elk SNR

COUNTY: Kern

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project is to remove, relocate and upgrade the current USGS Earthquake Early Warning System. The old system will be disconnected and all equipment removed. The new update system will be relocated on the east of the Reserve adjacent to the maintenance yard, behind the State Park’s residence and out of the view of the public. 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: 3, 4 Section(s): 15303 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 staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Construction or installation of park facilities (Class 3, Section 15303); and
- “Minor trenching or backfilling where the surface is restored” (Class 4, Section 15304)

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