



## 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:** Spring Restoration at Cook's Well

**LOCATION:** Providence Mountains SRA

**COUNTY:** San Bernardino

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

This project will direct water from the old well into a wildlife friendly water trough. Overflow will provide additional surface water and help to restore wetland and riparian vegetation. Invasive exotic plants will be controlled as needed.

The wildlife friendly water trough will be approximately 12 ft long, 2 ft wide and less than 1 ft deep. The sides will be sloping (approximately 45 degrees) to prevent accidentally trapping wildlife. The design will accommodate all native wildlife including bats. The water will flow continuously and overflow onto the surrounding soil, to support native plants. The trough will be placed on the surface of the ground and no soil will be disturbed. Rocks will be placed around the trough so animals can walk directly to the water without climbing.

A solar panel (mounted on a pole) and a water storage tank (150 gal) will be installed next to the well.

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)
- “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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