State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

# 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:** Mitchell Caverns Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

**LOCATION:** Providence Mountains SRA **COUNTY: San Bernardino**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**
The project is to replace and realign the old pedestrian bridge on the Mitchell Caverns Trail with a new 42 foot fiberglass bridge. The purpose of the project is to make both the trail and the bridge more sustainable with its surroundings.

Rocks and local material will be used to modify and realign the excessing trail at the bridge location. New concrete abutments will be formed and pour with concrete. Wood will be used for the forms and the concrete will mixed on site. All materials and tools will be transported by hand to the work site.

Upon completion of the prep work, the old pedestrian bridge will be disassembled and transported back to the upper maintenance facility. All materials and tools for the new bridge including the stringers will be carried by hand to the work site and assembly on site.

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, 3, 4 *Section(s):* 15301 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 §15301 – Existing Facilities, §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:

- "Trail or road repairs" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Construction or installation of park facilities (Class 3, Section 15303); and

- "Filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site" (Class 4, Section 15304)

The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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