



## 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:** Cedar Springs Apple Orchard Irrigation

**LOCATION:** Silverwood Lake SRA

**COUNTY:** San Bernardino

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

This project involves the replacement of the existing drip irrigation with PVC piping. There are 58 apple trees in the orchard and currently 2 valves supplying water. The plan involves installing a third valve next to the existing ones. Approximately 1, 710 feet of trenching will be dug by hand adjacent to the existing irrigation line. Trenches will be approximately 8 inches deep. Once the pipes are laid the trenches will be backfilled with the dirt that was excavated.

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:

- “Utility repairs or minor upgrades” (Class 1, Section 15301);
- “Construction or installation of park facilities such as New Irrigation” (Class 3, Section 15303); and
- “Minor trenching or backfilling where the surface is restored” (Class 4, Section 15304)

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

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