



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**PROJECT TITLE:** Restoration of Burrowing Owl Habitat

**LOCATION:** Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve      **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

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

The project will install artificial burrow nest boxes for burrowing owls in order to restore natural habitat. The boxes will be installed at a depth of 2 to 3 feet. The design follows recommendations by US Fish and Wildlife Service (2006). The boxes and tunnels will be made of wood (or plastic), 18 in. x 18 in. x 22 in. The trenches will be dug by hand or using a backhoe. The boxes will be buried with native soil and the surface restored to a natural appearance. Small wooden perches will be installed near the burrows.

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: 4    Section(s): 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.
- Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4)
- Project will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources (class 4d)
- Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment (class 4e)
- Surface will be restored (class 4f)
- 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)

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