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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

**PROJECT TITLE:** Fiber Data/Communication Upgrade and Issuance of Right of Entry Permit

**LOCATION:** Lake Oroville State Recreation Area Visitor Center **COUNTY:** Butte

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Issue a Right of Entry Permit to AT&T to upgrade the data/telecommunications infrastructure at the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area's Visitor Center to improve communication for park staff and visitors. Work will:

- Excavate an 18" wide by 24"-60" deep by 630' long trench alongside an existing paved public road and a dirt service road in approximately the same alignment as the existing copper cable;
- Place 630' of fiber optic cable in the excavated trench and backfill with sand and native soil;
- Patch asphalt road and re-contour service road to existing conditions; and
- Abandon copper cable in place.

All work conducted in association with this Right of Entry will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Buttes District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )
☒ Categorical Exemption
*Class:* 1, 4, 5 *Section:* 15301,15304, 15305

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alterations of existing facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; the minor public alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in changes in land use or density; included as "utility repair or minor upgrades" and "Issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation List of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15400.4.

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