



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Tehachapi District
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PROJECT TITLE: Right of Entry Permit/Granting of Easements
LOCATION: Tule Elk State Nature Reserve **COUNTY:** Kern

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
The project is the granting of a Right of Entry Permit and two permanent easements to the Kern County Water Agency for improvements to the Cross Valley Canal within Tule Elk State Natural Reserve.

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

Classes: 5 and 25 Section(s): 15305 and 15325

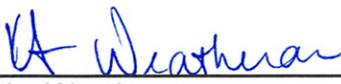
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which will not result in any changes in land use or density including issuance of minor encroachment permits (class 5b)

Transfer of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources; and is included as "issuance of easements and permits," and "issuance of rights-of-ways" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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