

**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
Sierra District
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PROJECT TITLE: Washoe Meadows North South Connector Trail Improvements

LOCATION: Washoe Meadows State Park **COUNTY:** El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct trail improvements to the existing North South Connector Trail at Washoe Meadows State Park to reduce erosion, improve water quality and meadow health, and improve useability. Crews will use hand tools to install 400-ft of paver stones and install one (1) 20-ft puncheon/boardwalk and one (1) 40-ft puncheon/boardwalk. Work will:

For Paver Installation

- Use a mini excavator to dig a 12-in. deep, 18-in. wide by 400-ft long trench;
- Backfill trench with 2-in. of crushed rock, leaving approx. 4-in. to allow pavers to sit at grade;
- Install pavers end to end and backfill paver edges with native soil and sod from excavation; and
- Fill voids inside the pavers with native soil and sand.

For Puncheon/Boardwalk Installation

- At two (2) locations, construct rock lined approaches, no longer than 6-ft in length, at each end;
- Place Diamond piers in pairs approx. 8-ft apart and place 4-ft x 6-ft headers and 8-ft stringers; and
- Secure decking to the stringers and bull rail.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3 & 4


Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as "Trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities or structures; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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