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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Tinnemaha Campground Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project
(Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-INY-57718-R6)

Project Location (INYO): The project is located at Tinemaha Creek, at Tinnemaha County Campground, in the County of Inyo, State of California; Latitude 37.05175, Longitude -118.26921; Assessor’s Parcel Number 018-240-004-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-INY-57718-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Inyo County Parks and Recreation.

The project involves constructing new bridge abutments, installing a prefabricated footbridge, and removing the existing deteriorated bridge and abutments across Tinemaha Creek at the Tinnemaha Creek campground.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes 2 & 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 and 15304.

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Reasons why project is exempt: The Tinnemaha Pedestrian Bridge Project is exempt because Inyo County will be replacing a pedestrian bridge that will have the same function as the bridge that is currently on site. Minor alternations to the land near Tinemaha Creek will occur to construct the concrete abutments for the replacement bridge to be placed on.

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ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), through its Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement program, Region 6 has taken final action to execute the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) between the State of California, CDFW and Inyo County Parks and Recreation for the replacement of the Tinemaha Campground pedestrian bridge. In taking its final agency action for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), CDFW executes this Agreement relying on the categorical exemption for the Class 2 and Class 4 Categorical Exemptions, respectively. (CEQA Guidelines, §§ section 15302, and section 15304) Each exemption relevant to the Project is discussed below.

Class 2 Categorical Exemption

CDFW finds the Project to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15302, the exemption for “Replacement or Reconstruction”. Class 2, as relevant here, consists of replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The Project falls within the class because it involves the replacement and reconstruction of an existing bridge structure at Tinnemaha Creek Campground that will have substantially the same purpose to allow pedestrians access across Tinemaha creek with the same capacity as the replaced structure.

Class 4 Categorical Exemption

CDFW finds the Project to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304, the exemption for “Minor Alterations to Land”. Class 4, as relevant here, consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The Project falls within the class because it involves minor excavation to construct concrete bridge abutments for the bridge to be placed upon.