

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)

California Dept. of Food and Agriculture

27211 US Hwy 6

County Clerk:
County of: Mono

Benton, CA. 93512

Project Title: Benton BPS Wildfire fuel Reduction and WildLife Protection Fencing

Project Applicant: California Dept. of Food and Agriculture Benton - Border Protection Station

Project Location – Specific: 37.8411711,-118.4787549,657m

Project Location – City: Benton Project Location – County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The focus of this fuel reduction effort is to remove overgrown sage and rabbit brush vegetation in areas around SOH's and the inspection station where health and safety is at highest risk from Wildfire's. Install wildlife fencing around occupied and unoccupied SOH's to protect SOH's from wildlife harm and damage. This fuel reduction project will aid in protecting the community from catastrophic wildfires.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept. of Food and Agriculture

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: California Conservation Corps.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304-Minor Alterations to the Land
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

The fuel reduction is to minimize the threat to life and property in the community, State property and state workers. The project will not include the removal of any live trees just pruning.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jason Bowen Telephone: 760-258-5949

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Jason Bowen Date: 3/5/2025 Title: Station Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant