

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Inyo
168 N Edwards

Independence, CA 93514

From: (Public Agency): County of Inyo

168 N Edwards St

Independence, CA 93514

(Address)

Project Title: Bishop Airport Fencing Replacement Project

Project Applicant: County of Inyo

Project Location - Specific: The Bishop Airport, along the north and west perimeter

Project Location - City: Near Bishop

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will replace portions of old barbed wire perimeter fence, totaling approximately 8,200 linear feet, with modern 5 strand barbed wire fencing. Large portions of the existing fence line are in poor condition, with rotting wood posts, damaged barbed wire, and corners that are not adequately anchored. (Continued on next page)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Inyo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County Public Works

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15302 Replacement, 15304 Minor alterations

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The majority of the project is along the same alignment, and will require minimal ground disturbance. Vegetation will be cleared from the fence alignment for a width of 10-20 feet. The minor alignment changes described in the Project Description are designed to decrease potential impacts to the floodplain and wetlands (northeast) or to improve connectivity for pedestrians and bikers on the east side of Bishop.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ashley Helms

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-878-0200

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: _____ Date: 5/12/2026 Title: Deputy Public Works Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approximately 5,400 linear feet will be direct replacement along the existing fence alignment. In the northwest corner of the airfield approx. 1000 LF of fence line will be moved in, to avoid floodplain and potential wetland impacts along the existing alignment (see Figure 1). On the northwest fence line, the proposed project would relocate approximately 1,800 feet of the existing fence towards the adjacent airport perimeter road. This new alignment will create a path for walking or biking outside the airport fence, connecting Wye Rd. to Airport Rd. The new fence will be installed within the footprint of the existing dirt road.