Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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County of: Kern
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From: (Public Agency): Bear Valley Community Services District
28999 S. Lower Valley Road Tehachapi, CA 93561
(Address)

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Project Title: Bear Valley CSD Front Gate Emergency Standby Generator

Project Applicant: Bear Valley Community Services District

Project Location - Specific:
The project is located at the existing Bear Valley front (main) gate facility at 25101 Bear Valley Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561, within the Bear Valley Springs community. Work occurs on already-developed ground immediately adjacent to the existing guard house. Approx. Lat: 35 9'10.96" N, Long: 118 35'23.99" W.

Project Location - City: Tehachapi **Project Location - County:** Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Installation of a natural-gas/liquid-propane standby emergency generator (Generac G007210-10, 24 kW, 240/120V single phase) to provide backup electrical power to the existing front gate facility during utility outages. The project includes a 250-gallon liquid propane tank, two cast-in-place concrete equipment pads, an automatic transfer switch, and associated underground electrical conduit and gas piping. All work occurs at the existing gate on developed ground and provides no expansion of the facility's use. The project benefits the District and the residents it serves by maintaining gate and emergency-access operation during power interruptions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Bear Valley Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bear Valley Community Services District

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:
  Class 1 (Sec. 15301 - Existing Facilities) and Class 3 (Sec. 15303 - New Construction of Small Structures).
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Class 1 (Sec. 15301) applies because the project adds standby backup power to an existing electrical service at an existing facility with negligible or no expansion of the facility's use. Class 3 (Sec. 15303) applies because the generator, propane tank, and concrete pads are minor new equipment and small structures. None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15300.2 apply: the site is existing developed ground with no unusual circumstances, and although located in a fire hazard area, the propane tank and generator were reviewed and permitted by the Kern County Fire Department, the installation meets NFPA 58 clearances and separation requirements, and the backup emergency system will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Beverli Marshall Number: (661) 821-4428

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: Beverli A. Marshall Date: 7/27/26
Signed by Lead Agency
General Manager, Bear Valley CSD
General Manager