



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area – USGS Earthquake Early Warning System.

Project Location – Specific: Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)

Project Location – City: Gorman

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to install a USGS earthquake early warning system. This equipment will detect seismic activity in the area possibly giving the inhabitants of California early warning of earthquake activity. The project footprint will be approximately 10 feet by 35 feet. An 18 inch by 6 inch by 30 feet trench will be dug for conduit. A five feet deep by four feet wide vault will be dug to contain seismometers and data loggers. Four six feet deep by eight inch holes will be dug for the solar array structure. Forty 12 inch garden blocks will surround the vault area. The system will consist of two structures, the solar array and data logger with sensors. The project will be located off of Orwin Way, approximately 150 yards west of the road and approximately 50 yards north of the residence. This area has been disturbed for many years with farming activities. There are no special status species in the project area. Any small mammal or reptiles in the area will be able to relocate to adjacent habitat. Vegetation is invasive grasses and shrubs, no native vegetation will be removed. No entry of vehicles or equipment will be allowed outside of the project footprint and entry zones. Any open holes or trenches will be covered during construction to protect humans and wildlife. Inspections of holes will be prior to start of work for any wildlife.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Great Basin District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption – 15303, Installation of small equipment

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed above. Proposed activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A CEQA Project Evaluation Form for the project is on file at the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division office listed above.

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