



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation  
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PROJECT TITLE: Emerald Bay Liberty Utility Pole Replacement and Issuance of Right of Entry Permit

LOCATION: Emerald Bay State Park

COUNTY: El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Grant a Right of Entry (ROE) to Liberty Utilities for access to Emerald Bay State Park to remove and replace a total of twenty-five (25) power poles as well as access to, and use of, a helicopter staging area to aid in the removal and replacement of power poles located in areas not accessible by utility trucks. The staging area for the helicopter will be located at the Eagle Point Campground Rubicon Trailhead Day Use parking lot and the helicopter path of travel will avoid the air space over Vikingsholm, Fannette Island, piers, and/or other structures. Work will:

- Remove fifteen (15) trees greater than 14" DBH: five (5) Jeffrey pine, four (4) white fir, and six (6) black cottonwood and prune additional trees as needed;
  - Remove the twenty-five (25) old power poles;
  - Use shovels and a jackhammer to excavate nineteen (19) 8' deep by 24" diameter holes;
  - Use a backhoe to excavate six (6) 8' deep by 30" diameter holes;
  - Use shovels and a jackhammer to excavate two (2) 8' deep by 24" diameter anchor holes approximately 30' from power poles P-9 and P-10 to anchor a guy wire to support the poles; and
  - Use a utility line truck to set thirteen (13) poles and backfill around the poles with gravel and top with existing soil.
- At the Eagle Point Campground Rubicon Trailhead Day Use parking lot:
- Deliver (by truck) and stage twelve (12) poles in the dirt parking lot;
  - Use the helicopter to transport twelve (12) poles over Emerald Bay to the project location and set in place, and to transport the twelve (12) removed poles back over Emerald Bay to the staging area for removal by truck; and
  - Use a water truck to minimize dust resulting from helicopter operations at the staging area.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption  
Class: 1, 2, 4 & 5      Section: 15301, 15302, 15304 & 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities 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; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; and the minor alteration in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which does not result in any changes in land use or density, and are included as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" and "issuance of permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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Jul 06 2020

*For Matt Green* \_\_\_\_\_ *7/3/20*  
Matt Green / Acting District Superintendent      DATE  
Northern / Sierra District

*# See attached approval Swarth*

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Hello Matt,

Please see the attached NOE for your signature/date.  
I hope you are having a great day!

Thank you,

Silver



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