



**State of California – Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: California State Parks
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PROJECT TITLE: Emergency Interim Remedial Measures for Sand Dam Embankment and Spillway

LOCATION: Empire Mine State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Nevada County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks and Newmont USA Limited propose to install interim remedial measures to ensure the safety and reliability of the historic Sand Dam embankment and spillway at Empire Mine State Historic Park. The proposed interim remedial measures will be installed just upstream of the spillway inlet and at the base of the spillway chute (plunge pool) to provide risk reduction to the San Dam performance. This project is compatible with the environment setting and follows the Secretary of Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation. Work will:

At the Spillway Inlet - Install approximately six gabion baskets to supplement the existing trash rack at the culvert inlet. The gabion baskets will be constructed and spaced apart to allow free-flow of storm water between the gabions to the culvert and spillway.

At the Plunge Pool - Rock riprap will be placed at the base of the existing spillway chute to armor the exposed native subgrade soil and protect against additional scouring. Rock riprap will be used for erosion protection; no manufactured materials will be used that could degrade water quality.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemption

Emergency Projects

Section: 15269

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The Project entails emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health and safety. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency.

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