

CEQA # 13800

District Project # 300-2023-01



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
P.O. Box 299
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PROJECT TITLE: Issue Right of Entry Permit to AT&T to Remove Submerged Cable

LOCATION: D.L. Bliss State Park and Emerald Bay State Park **COUNTY:** El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) Permit to AT&T to D.L. Bliss State Park and Emerald Bay State Park to remove and cap two (2) lengths of discontinued telecommunication cables submerged in Lake Tahoe, offshore of the parks. This Right of Entry (ROE) permit is for access and work on State Park property where AT&T proposes to cut and cap the cables above the high-water line (6,229.1-ft), as well as for work in the State Park Underwater Parks where the cable will be removed. Access to all work locations will be via barge, all sections of submerged cut cables will be removed via barge, and there will be no equipment staging of any kind on State Park property.

The first cable is approx. six (6) miles long and comes up on shore a total of five (5) times; four (4) of which are on State Park property. This cable will have two (2) Cut Points in each park, for a total of four (4) Cut Points. The second cable, across the mouth of Emerald Bay, will also be cut and capped above the high-water line; for up to two (2) additional Cut Points.

All work conducted in association with the ROE will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Initial Environmental Checklist, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board Order No. R6T-2022-0051 and NOE for in-water work, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement, and CA State Lands Commission Amendment No1 of Lease PRC 1579.

All work will be in coordination with State Parks Environmental Scientists and State Parks Archaeologists and all resource and cultural protection measures will be followed.

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:* 4 and 5 *Section:* 15304 and 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alteration in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees for forestry purposes; and minor alteration in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent, which does not result in any changes in land use or density, and is included as "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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