

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

8/18/2023

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Inyo

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
 (Address)

Project Title: City of Bishop PARKwaysProject Applicant: City of Bishop

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 001-133-02, 001-134-01, 001-182-02, 001-182-21, 001-134-19, 001-182-27, 001-182-26

Project Location – City: Bishop, CAProject Location – County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project seeks to make improvements to the length of the Whitney Alley city easement and adjacent parking lots through green infrastructure solutions, including bioswales, drought-tolerant landscaping, and shade trees. The project will also provide additional green spaces, human-scale lighting, delineation of pedestrian pathways, vehicular circulation improvements, and public art installations and murals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources AgencyName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of BishopExempt 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: 5301. Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exception 15301. Existing Facilities allow for minor alteration of existing public topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. The project proposes modifications to the existing easement and parking lots, sidewalks, and planters as well as the addition of new sidewalks for ADA safety, bicycle facilities, including mobility improvements such as pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes or parking.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Karissa HuestisArea Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-6357**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: Andrea ScharfferDate: 8/18/2023Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Bonds and Grants Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code