DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division 715 P Street Sacramento, California 95814

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Notice of Exemption

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California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296

Project Title: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee – Restoration

Project Applicant: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee

Project Location - Specific: Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTRNA)

Project Location – City: near California City Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will restore and monitor 5,203 acres of conservation land within and adjacent to the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area. Restoration activities include project planning, installation or replacement of educational signs, fence repairs, installation of vertical and horizontal mulch to camouflage illegal trails, invasive plant species removal, public outreach, and trash removal. The project will not expand existing facility use or operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee

Exemp	ot 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));
\boxtimes	Categorical Exemption (CE); 15301 Existing Facilities
	Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed above. Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above. No exceptions to the exemption apply to this project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jon M. O'Brien, Environmental Program Mgr.	Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 204-0871
Jon O'Brien Signature	1/23/2024 Date:
☑ Signed by Lead Agency□ Signed by Applicant	Date received for filing at OPR: