

CEQA # 14053
District Project # 300-2024-01



**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: Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
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PROJECT TITLE: Issue Right of Entry to California Sportfishing Protection Alliance to Sample Cables in D. L. Bliss and Emerald Bay State Parks

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 California Sportfishing Protection Alliance to D.L. Bliss State Park and Emerald Bay State Park to sample two (2) lengths of discontinued telecommunication cables submerged in Lake Tahoe, offshore of the parks. This Right of Entry (ROE) permit is for access where certified SCUBA divers will sample 30-40 locations along the submerged cable for lead and other parameters including water hardness, temperature, pH, and conductance. Sampling is scheduled to occur during April and May 2024 over four (4) days approximately one (1) to two (2) times a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All samples will be collected by hand, with the aid of a small diver support boat that will remain in the water in the area of sample collection.

Work will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and all conditions identified in the Right of Entry Permit; and be coordinated with State Parks Environmental Scientists and State Parks Archaeologists. All resource and cultural protection measures and project requirements 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:* 5 *Section:* 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of 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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