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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Nevada
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 210
Nevada City, CA 95959

From: (Public Agency): Truckee Donner Rec and Park District
10981 Truckee Way
Truckee, CA 96161
(Address)

Project Title: Donner Lake Boat Launching Facility Project

Project Applicant: TDRPD, c/o Mr. Sven Leff, General Manager

Project Location - Specific:
15511 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA (APN 17-170-26)

Project Location - City: Truckee Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
By way of a planning and construction grant from the State Department of Boating and Waterways, implement a set of site improvements to the existing boat launch facility for the purpose of addressing and resolving existing deficiencies, damages and unsafe conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Sven Leff, General Manager

- Exempt 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: Section 15302 (Class 2), Replacement and Reconstruction
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project involves a set of needed improvements to the existing facility, all of which are located within the footprint of the existing facility and involve the repair, replace and reconstruction of existing project features. The size, purpose and capacity of the facility remains unchanged from that existing in continuing to provide the same publicly-accessible boat launching and recreational opportunities that are upgraded and improved to necessarily address and resolve its existing deficiencies, damages and unsafe conditions.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mr. Sven Leff Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-550-4444

- 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: [Signature] Date: 4/29/24 Title: General Manager

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.

Filed Tuesday May 21 2024
Natalie Adona
Nevada County Clerk-Recorder
KW, deputy
File # 20240000020

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# **Donner Lake Boat Launching Facility Project**

Project Description & CEQA Exemption

*15511 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA*

*Assessor's Parcel Number 17-170-26*

Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District

c/o Mr. Sven Leff, General Manager

(530) 550-4444 [sven@tdrpd.org](mailto:sven@tdrpd.org)

10981 Truckee Way, Truckee, CA 96161

## **Project Introduction**

The Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District (TDRPD) owns, operates and maintains the Donner Lake Boat Launching facility. In response to a formal grant application by the TDRPD, the State Boating and Waterways Commission authorized a planning and construction grant to fund specific improvements to the existing facility. This grant allows the TDRPD to complete the project design, acquire the project permits and construct the project improvements.

The set of improvements funded through this grant range from the needed replacement of boarding floats, restrooms and fish cleaning stations to resurfacing and restriping of the parking area to replacing, and extending, the end of the damaged boat ramp. All funded improvements have been identified within the Feasibility Report prepared by the State Department of Boating and Waterways, supporting these needed improvements as feasible from an engineering perspective, as cost-effective and as it increases public access. The Feasibility Report further summarizes that no expected problematic financial, engineering, permitting, stakeholder or public access issues are associated with the project.

## **Background & History**

The State Boating and Waterways Commission and State Department of Boating and Waterways has participated, by way of many past grants, in the improvement to this facility dating back to 1969 with the initial grant to fund its construction. The TDRPD accepted operation and maintenance responsibility for the facility in 1969 under a lease agreement with the California State Lands Commission. This current planning and construction grant represents the sixth State grant award to and for the facility over the last 50+ years.

## **Location**

The facility is located at the northwest end of Donner Lake within the Town of Truckee. The facility is the sole public boat launching facility on Donner Lake and complimentary to other lake-based public recreational opportunities owned and maintained by the TDRPD on Donner Lake. The facility is accessed from Donner Pass Road, known as 15511 Donner Pass Road (APN 17-170-26).

## **Project Description**

The project scope has many components, all of which are intended to upgrade and improve the facility to address deteriorated, damaged, unsafe and/or sub-standard conditions, including:

### *Sheet Pile Modification*

Pound the existing sheet piles below the proposed ramp's surface to prevent damage to vehicles and trailers. This component of the project has a direct relationship with the *Replace and Extend Boat Ramp* component further described below.

### *Pile-Guided Boarding Float*

Replace the existing pile-guided boarding floats with new 8-foot wide by 80-foot long, heavy-duty steel-framed boarding floats. The existing piles at the boat launch will remain, to be finished with an appropriate paint/epoxy.

### *Slope Protection*

Install any needed or beneficial slope protection to both sides of the ramp and at the edge (end) of the articulated concrete block mats for the purpose of erosion protection.

### *Parking Area*

Explore space efficiencies to maximize vehicle-trailer parking and internal circulation. Resurface and restripe the parking lot.

### *Restroom*

Replace the existing three-unit restroom with a two-unit unisex ADA compliant restroom.

### *Fish Cleaning Station*

Replace the existing fish cleaning station.

### *Accessible Path of Travel*

Construct an accessible path of travel between Project components to meet current accessibility requirements.

### *Project Signage*

Replace or modify the existing signage with a Project credit sign giving credit to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund for funding of the Project.

### *Permanent Pay Station*

Add a new permanent pay station within the facility. This specific Project component was approved by DBW by way of a subsequent addendum to the initial Grant.

### *Replace and Extend Boat Ramp*

Repair, replace and extend the lakeward-end of the boat ramp to resolve the existing unsafe condition in which has damaged vehicles and trailers, presents a dangerous loading and unloading condition, and limits seasonal use. Importantly, this crux component of the project has necessarily, as a matter of the steep boulder condition lakeward of the ramp end, been modified from the original 'articulated block mat' solution in favor of a pile-driven steel structure to replace the underlying boulder condition of the ramp end. This component of the project has a direct relationship with the '*Sheet Pile Modification*' component.

### **Categorical Exemption – Findings, Class 2**

An exemption under CEQA may be granted for projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the size, scope, and nature of the project, the proposed project qualifies under Section 15302, *Replacement or Reconstruction*:

#### *Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction*

Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and

will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to:

(b) Replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity.

(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

This project involves a set of needed improvements to the existing facility, all of which are located within the footprint of the existing facility and involve the repair, replace and reconstruction of existing project features. The size, purpose and capacity of the facility remains unchanged from that existing in continuing to provide the same publicly-accessible boat launching and recreational opportunities that are upgraded and improved to necessarily address and resolve its existing deficiencies, damages and unsafe conditions.

Three areas of potential environmental concern have been identified for this project: (i) archaeological resources, (ii) biological resources and (iii) water quality.

Professional analysis of archaeological and biological resources has been conducted for the site by, respectfully, archaeologist Dr. Susan Lindstrom, Consulting Archaeologist, (Donner Lake Boat Launching Facility Project Cultural Resource Study dated February 2021) and Mr. Geoffrey D. Cline, Director of Ecological Services, Live Oak Associates, Inc. (Biological Impact Analysis, Donner Lake Boat Launching Facility, dated February 2021). Each report concludes that the potential project impacts / effects on their respective resource are not considered to result in a significant impact on the environment. Copies of each report are available from the TDRPD.

Beyond this project having to conform to State Department of Boating and Waterways Guidelines (DBW's *Layout and Design Guidelines for Boat Launching Facilities*, 2021), this project incorporates both temporary and permanent Best Management Practices (BMP's) to prevent and avoid impact to either water quality or quantity. The use of driven steel piles and a perimeter turbidity curtain have been specifically and purposefully incorporated into the project plans and description to ensure no impact to water quality during the construction operation. Similarly, perimeter upland temporary BMP's have been included within the project plans and project description to ensure the protection of lake waters and the on-site drainage facilities during the construction operation which were upgraded in 1995/96 and again in 1999/00 by way of State funding to provide compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Finally, this project is subject to all local, state and federal permitting processes that collectively ensure the incorporation and use of all resource protection measures.

#### **TDRPD Board Certification**

The TDRPD Board of Directors authorized and certified the filing of this Notice of Exemption at their publicly noticed, regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 25, 2024 as memorialized by way of the April 29, 2024 signature on the NOE by TDRPD General Manager, Sven Leff.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a



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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>Truckee Donner Rec and Park District</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>05/21/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Nevada</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>20240000020</b>	

PROJECT TITLE

**Donner Lake Boat Launching Facility Project**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>TDRPD</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(530) 550-4444</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>10981 Truckee Way</b>	CITY <b>Truckee</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>96161</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency  
  School District  
  Other Special District  
  State Agency  
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|------------|----------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,051.25 | \$ _____ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,916.75 | \$ _____ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,377.25 | \$ _____ | 0.00 |

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 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____ | 0.00  |
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SIGNATURE <b>X Kourtni Walker</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>Kourtni Walker Deputy</b>
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TRUCKEE DONNER REC AND PARK DISTRICT

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1 Payments

<u>Check #2447</u>	\$50.00
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2 Miscellaneous Items

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CEQA Filing Letter

1 Filing Items

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From: TRUCKEE DONNER REC AND PARK DISTRICT Tα TDRPD

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