

# 2019120028

## Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.  
South lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Project Title:** Inyo National Forest Whitney Portal Pond Dredging Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Inyo National Forest, Whitney Portal Day Use Picnic Area, On Whitney Portal Road 15 miles west of Lone Pine.

**Project Location – City:** 15 miles west of Lone Pine, CA      **Project Location - County:** Inyo

### Description of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to dredge a pond that has filled with sediment over decades to improve habitat and recreational experience. The pond is approximately 100 by 100 feet and shallow (zero to one foot deep). Approximately 400 cubic yards of material will be removed creating a finished pond depth of approximately 4 feet. Lone Pine Creek passes through the pond and will be diverted with an existing concrete diversion structure and rock lined by-pass channel during excavation. The pond will be drained and dry prior to sediment removal.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Tamera Randall-Parker, Inyo National Forest Supervisor

### 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: Small Habitat Restoration Project, section 15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The RWQCB, Lahontan Region finds that this project, as permitted, will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. The project is limited to dredging a man-made pond to its original size and depth.

**Responsible Agency Contact Person:** Brian Judge

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (530) 542-5426

### 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: Patty J. Kouyoumdjian Date: 12/2/19 Title: Executive Officer, Lahontan Region

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research  
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