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## Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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From: Inyo County Department of Public Works  
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**Project Title:** Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Operations Facility

**Project Applicant:** Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

**Applicant Mailing Address:** PO Box 1357, Bishop, CA 93515

**Applicant Phone Number:** 760-872-1901 x12

**Project Location - Specific:** Adjacent to the existing ESTA bus yard at the Bishop Airport.

**Project Location - City:** Bishop, CA

**Project Location - County:** Inyo

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The proposed Bishop Operations Facility would provide significant benefit to ESTA. The construction of a new facility will address growth in the operation, enhance safety and security, and reduce operating costs. The new facility would be located adjacent to the existing ESTA bus parking and maintenance at the Bishop Airport; it will include a modular office building with less than 2,500 square feet of floor space and a small employee parking area in an already disturbed area. Public transit operations have doubled in the past fifteen years. With the increase in operations there has been an increase in staff size and in the number of drivers that it takes to operate the system.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** ESTA Board of Directors

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** ESTA

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

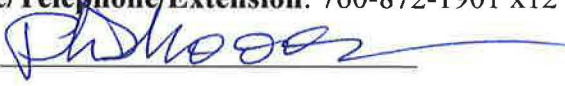
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical Exemption (Section 15303);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is exempt under CEQA Section 15303 (Class 3 –New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The project area is previously disturbed and this use is consistent with the zoning.

**Lead Agency:** ESTA

**Contact Person:** Phil Moores

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 760-872-1901 x12

Signature: 

Date: 3/11/20

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