



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk / County of Mono  
PO Box 237  
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**FROM:** Mono County Department of Public Works  
PO Box 457  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Project Title:** Conway Ranch 2019 Annual Report & 2020 Operations Plan  
**Project Applicant:** Mono County  
**Project Location – Specific:** US 395 and Conway Ranch Road  
**Project Location - City:** Lee Vining      **Project Location - County:** Mono

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

This 2019 annual report and 2020 operations cover activities completed and projects which will be further explored. They are specific to approximately 800 acres of County-owned property which is under conservation a conservation easement. The property continues to be managed in such a way to preserve its natural resources while accommodating for public use and recreation.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**  
Mono County

**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: 15307
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:  
(Address)

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**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The property (commonly known as Conway Ranch) is under a Conservation Easement held by the Eastern Sierra Land Trust. The Conservation Easement provides for annual monitoring and reporting to ensure preservation of the natural, historic and aesthetic values of the land. The annual report and operations plan are conducted by Mono County staff to ensure adherence to the easement while allowing mixed uses of the land which may also give direction to future maintenance and/or enhancement of the diverse ecological setting. Operational plans are not indicative of any guaranteed project or action. Rather it is used a guide which allows for collaborative and thoughtful planning.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Justin Nalder

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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:  Date: 4/27/20 Title: Environmental Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant