Project #730-306-11-4-11
CEQA# 10011

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Mumbert Cabin Utility System Upgrade, Automatic Gate and Road Paving Project

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park **COUNTY:** Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will replace existing water, sewer, electrical, and liquid propane gas (LPG) systems, improve an existing dirt road and install an electric security gate to make the Mumbert Cabin in Calaveras Big Trees State Park ready for public use to enhance the visitor experience within the park. The project will:

- Excavate 6 trenches totaling 460 feet in length, each up to 3 feet deep and 2 feet, wide to install new water lines, an liquid propane gas (LPG) line, underground electrical conduit, and leach field piping.
- Excavate to level a 14' x 14' area 4" deep to install a new 12' x 12' water storage building housing a 2500 gallon polyethylene potable water tank and treatment system.
- Install 70' of water supply and return piping from new water storage building to the Mumbert Cabin.
- Install 270' of underground electrical line from the transformer pole to the water storage building, cabin, and security gate.
- Relocate LPG tank by installing 120' of new LPG line to the Mumbert Cabin.
- Excavate up to 8 feet wide by 12 feet long and 7 feet deep to remove and replace current septic tank and excavate to install 75' of leach field piping.
- Re-cut 935' long drainage ditch, install three new culverts each 18 inches wide by 24 feet long , grade approximately 22,300 sq feet of road, lay 22,300 sq feet of road base.
- Pave the main road from the end of the current pavement/park boundary to the junction leading to the Mumbert Cabin road: approximately 1,248 feet long by 12 feet wide; pave from the junction to the Mumbert Cabin: 250' long by 12' wide. Work will avoid grading and ground disturbance around Black Oak Trees
- Excavate to trench a 12 inch deep by 12 inch wide and 20 feet long area and two post holes each 2 feet wide and 3 feet deep to install an automatic sliding security gate.

Project manager shall notify the Archaeologist in advance of work commencement to allow for monitoring. Project manager shall halt work and notify Archaeologist in the event of an accidental discovery of archaeological resources. Work shall be done between May – September. Project manager shall work closely with Environmental Scientist to identify and avoid nesting raptors. Appropriate consultation with the Dept. of Fish and Game shall occur in the event nesting raptors are identified.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, 15311

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REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of repair, maintenance, and/or minor alteration of existing public structure/facility involving little or no expansion of use beyond that currently existing; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures; replacement or reconstruction of existing structure and will have the same purpose and capacity; the minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve removal or mature, scenic trees and Construction of limited numbers of new small facilities or new equipment and facilities in a small structure. Construction or placement of minor structures that are adjacent to or support activities associated with the main facility.

This Notice of Exemption (NOE) supersedes the NOE filed for the Mumbert Cabin Utility System Upgrade, Automatic Gate and Road Paving Project on April 24, 2012 (SCH# 2012048316).

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