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: McConnell Power Entrance Gates  
LOCATION: McConnell SRA  

COUNTY: Merced  

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install new sliding gate at McConnell SRA to control park access and to prevent vandalism and theft to state facilities during non-operational hours. Work will:  
- Pour one 12' L x 6' W x 18" D concrete pad to hold gate control mechanism and two 6" diameter x 5' H support posts.  
- Dig five 8" diameter x 3' D holes to install two support posts, a keypad post, and two protective bollards.  
- Excavate a 30' L x 6' W x 12' D trench for keypad control wiring and a 165' L x 6' W x 12' D trench for electrical power.  
- Install 35' cantilever gate.  
- Remove one 15" diameter sycamore and one 15" diameter oak and lay class II roadside base to create a 50' x 55' turnaround northwest of the gate.  

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, 3  
Section: 15301, 15303  

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration of existing public structures involving no expansion of use, and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of accessory structure, included as "installation of gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.  

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