

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Malakoff Diggins Loop Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Construct a new section, and upgrade an existing section of the existing Diggins Loop Trail to comply with DPR's accessibility standards. Project will:

- Construct a new van-accessible parking space in the existing parking lot, which will entail excavating a 400sf area and constructing a 5" concrete pad over 4" aggregate base;
- Improve the trail from the parking adjacent to North Bloomfield Road to a proposed overlook of the old hydraulic mining pits. Work entails constructing 635' of elevated single and multi-tiered, rock causeway and 2 puncheons of 12' and 18' in length;
- Construct an overlook consisting of an elevated 12' x 15' wooden platform that will accommodate up to two interpretive panels and a bench;
- Install up to three interpretive panels along the trail alignment. Work will entail excavating up to 6 post holes 8" in diameter by 24" in depth.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Accessibility Section

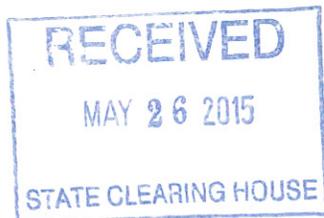
EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion beyond that previously existing; construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "modification of existing facilities for disabled access", "interpretive signing or panels" and "trail construction" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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