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State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Buttes District  
400 Glen Drive  
Oroville, CA 95966

**PROJECT TITLE:** Install Communication Cable-Bidwell Mansion Parking Lot

**LOCATION:** Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Butte

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project will utilize directional boring to install a new 270ft communication line to the Bidwell Mansion's Visitor Center, due to failure of the 1953 cable. The original cable, running from the northeast corner of the property diagonally to the mansion's basement and then to the Visitor Center, will be abandoned in place. Work will:

- Excavate 2 openings each 3ft wide, 4ft long, and 3ft deep for entry/exit, 1 by the Esplanade, 1 by the Visitor Center;
- Install a 4in conduit in tunnel to support the communication cable and a spare 2in conduit for potential future installation of fiber optics;
- Install pull boxes adjacent to the Esplanade (#1) and at front corner of Visitor Center (#2)
- Excavate a trench 28in deep and 10ft long, from pull box #1 to AT&T pedestal;
- Excavate a trench 28in deep, 8ft long from sidewalk in front of Visitor Center to pull box #2;
- Install conduit and run wires into the technical room of the Visitor Center.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Buttes District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section )
- Categorical Exemption  
Class: 1, 3, 4                      Section: 15301,15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alterations of existing facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and the minor public alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "utility repair or minor upgrades" on the Department of Parks and Recreation List of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15400.4.

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