



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 2014118069

**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:** Hazard Tree Removal and Replacement

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove, and replant, a historic silver maple tree due to it being identified as a hazard tree by the Department of Parks and Recreation's Forester. The tree has lost over 40% of its structural roots and is a hazard to the historic Bidwell Mansion and the public. Work will:

- Remove the silver maple tree.
- Plant a new silver maple in the general vicinity, avoiding current infected location.
- Remove an adjacent sweet gum tree that has been identified in the Bidwell Mansion Historic Landscape Report as a non-historically accurate specimen.

Work is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the Bidwell Mansion's Historic Landscape Plan.

**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: 4, 31

Section: 15304, 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the minor public alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; the maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstruction Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, and is included on the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15400.4

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