

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  
 Sierra District Headquarters  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Humbug Mine Shaft Fencing and Trail Improvements

**LOCATION:** Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park      **COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Repair or replace fencing around mine shafts and improve trail conditions along the Humbug Trail at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park for public health and safety. Work will:

- At shafts 2, 4, 5 and 6:
  - Replace or repair the existing fencing along the original alignments with existing fencing materials of metal T-post style wire or similar materials.
- At shaft 3:
  - Install a no-climb style fence around the perimeter, approximately 6-8 feet upslope from the existing fence line and eroding headwall. Excavate sixteen 18" in diameter by 2' deep holes using a manual post-hole digger, fill holes with concrete, place one wooden post in each and cover with native soil; attach 6' high fencing material to posts.
- Adjacent to shaft 3:
  - Re-route existing trail approximately 10 to 20 feet uphill of the existing eroding headwall. Remove the old trail corridor and re-vegetate with native duff and seed sources, Use hand crews to construct new 125' long x 3' wide full bench trail using native rock and soil.
- At shaft 5:
  - Construct a 30' long x 4' wide puncheon-style boardwalk and a 90' x 3' wide elevated causeway trail on the existing trail corridor to separate trail users from seepage and discharge. Excavate approximately 4 cubic yards for puncheon-style boardwalk and elevated causeway.

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

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      Class: 3, 4      Section: 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of construction and location 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 "construction of park facilities, such as fencing" and as "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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