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State of California – The Resources Agency
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
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Flood Enhancement and Invasive Plant Control-Big Chico Creek Access

LOCATION: Bidwell Sacramento River State Park **COUNTY:** Butte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove invasive plants and an existing earthen berm within the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park's Big Chico Creek Access to enhance both the native riparian habitat and improve floodwater movement. Work will:

- Remove non-native plants within the 58.5 acre unit, including but not limited to: Himalayan blackberry, pokeweed, perennial pepperweed, catalpa, edible fig, black locust, and mulberry trees via hand removal, burning, chipping, and with herbicide treatment: Milestone, Telar, Element-4, Rodeo, Round-Up Pro Concentrate;
- Remove previously girdled remnant almond trees via chipping, burning, or complete removal from site;
- Remove a 180' long by 25' wide by 3' tall non-US Army Corps of Engineers installed earthen berm, totaling approximately 700 cubic yards of material.

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 *Section: 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of minor alterations in the condition of vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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