

State of California
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
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: River Partners Right of Entry Permit Renewal for Invasive Plant Species Management

LOCATION: Great Valley Grasslands State Park & George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry Permit to allow River Partners to continue weed management at Great Valley Grassland State Park and George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area to decrease non-native invasive plant species and increase native plant diversity.

All work will comply with all State and Federal environmental Laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code. DPR will advise River Partners and River Partners will advise DPR if any new historical resources (including archaeological sites), special status species, or other resource issues identified within the project area.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 4 & 5 Section: 15304 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes included as a "resource management project" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density and is included as "issuance of easement or permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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