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Project# 730-352-20160815
CEQA# 11898

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: Wetland Delineation at Great Valley Grassland State Park

LOCATION: Great Valley Grassland State Park **COUNTY:** Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct a wetland delineation at Great Valley Grasslands State Park to determine the presence and location of any U.S. Corps of Engineers jurisdictional wetland(s).
Work will:

1. Identify plants and collect, by hand, examples of unknown species for later identification;
2. Excavate by hand with a shovel up to 100 holes approximately 24" deep and 15" wide to determine the presence of hydric soils; and
3. Use GPS to map the perimeter of jurisdictional wetland(s).

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: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of basic date collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resources and is included as "baseline monitoring & resource studies" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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for **Jess C. Cooper, District Superintendent**

DATE 10/18/16

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PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

PCA No.

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR REVIEW

YES	MAYBE	NO	CUMULATIVE IMPACTS
☐	☐	☒	1. Will the project be conducted in conjunction with or at the same time as other projects at the park?
☐	☒	☐	2. Will the project be part of a series of inter-related projects?
☐	☐	☒	3. Are there any other projects that must be completed for any part of this project to become operational?
☐	☐	☒	4. Are there any other projects (including deferred maintenance) that have been completed or any probable future projects that could contribute to the cumulative impacts of this project?
☐	☐	☒	5. Are any of the projects that relate to the proposed work outside the General Plan?

COMMENTS: Project is a study to determine the hydrologic nature of the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

- ☐ Not a project for the purposes of CEQA compliance.
- ☐ Project is De Minimus; register in logbook
- ☒ The project is exempt. File a Notice of Exemption.
- ☐ A Negative Declaration should be prepared.
- ☐ A Mitigated Negative Declaration should be prepared.
- ☐ An EIR should be prepared.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME
Heather M Reith	Heather M. Reith
TITLE: District Environmental Coordinator	DATE: 9/15/16

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW

COMMENTS:

I acknowledge any constraints placed on the project as a result of the specialists' comments above and recommend the project proceed.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
for Jess Cooper	District Superintendent	10/18/16