



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Water System Repair Project
LOCATION: Millerton Lake State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Madera

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project repairs the water system on the north shore of Millerton Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) to provide a reliable source of potable water to park visitors at the Rocky Point and Meadows campgrounds and other existing DPR facilities. The project includes the following work:

- **Water Treatment Facilities:** Demolish and remove up to three outdoor water treatment tanks and tank foundations measuring up to 350 square feet (ft²) at the Rocky Point water treatment facility. Remove equipment from inside the buildings at the Rocky Point and Meadows water treatment facilities and abandon the Rocky Point building in place. Scrub and seal two leaky water tanks at the Rocky Point and the Meadows facilities to maintain water storage. Convert the existing underground septic tank to a backwash water tank and install a polyvinylchloride (PVC) discharge pipe and discharge field at the Meadows facility to safely dispose of backwash water produced during treatment. Excavate one approximately 230 ft long trench to install the discharge pipe and four parallel approximately 100 ft long by 2 ft deep by 3 ft wide trenches for the discharge field. Replace and upgrade water treatment equipment and electrical systems at the Meadows facility to consolidate water treatment in one location.
- **Telemetry:** Install new radio telemetry equipment including monitors, alarms, and an approximately 25 ft tall antennae, to upgrade the existing SCADA system at the Meadows facility.
- **Water Distribution Pipeline:** Remove a portion of paved surface on County Road 145 between the Rocky Point and Meadows facilities and excavate (1) an approximately 7,800 ft long trench to install the water distribution pipeline and about five blow off valves (BOVs), and (2) about seven, approximately 25 ft long trenches to install lateral pipes and air relief valves (ARVs). Install all BOVs and ARVs in subsurface valve boxes; locate ARVs up to 10 ft outside the outer edge of the paved road surface; and attach approximately 1.5 ft high above-ground vent caps to ARVs. Additionally, excavate an approximately 525 ft long trench through an unpaved area to connect the distribution pipe to the Rocky Point water tank and a 50 ft long trench to connect the distribution pipe to the Meadows water tank. All pipe trenches will measure approximately 2 ft wide by 3 ft deep.

Backfill excavated soil and re-pave trench alignments in paved areas. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Water System Repair Project. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development
EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Classes:* 1, 2, 3, 4 *Sections:* 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; construction and location of a limited number of new small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment in small structures; and minor alterations in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; included as: "utility repairs or minor upgrades" on the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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