

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Entrance Station Area Improvements and Comfort Station Replacement Project
LOCATION: Caswell Memorial State Park **COUNTY:** San Joaquin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project retrofits, replaces, and installs park facilities at the Entrance Station Area and Oak Grove Day Use Area within Caswell Memorial State Park. The project is necessary for DPR to meet accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines."

At the Entrance Station Area, modify one existing accessible parking space in the parking area by overlaying new asphalt concrete, re-striping the space, and erecting accessible parking signage. Adjust height of interpretive panel adjacent to entrance station and install toe kick cross beam on the panel base. Install new compliant asphalt concrete (AC) path of travel from parking area to the rock monument. Replace approximately 150 square feet of AC between the parking area and public phone.

At the Oak Grove Day Use Area demolish existing comfort station restroom (CS) and concrete foundation. Construct new comfort station over footprint of existing structure. New comfort station will be approximately 33 feet long by 24 feet wide and will contain four toilets of which two are accessible. Install utility conduits in trench up to 10 feet long by 1 foot wide to connect comfort station to existing utilities. Modify four paved accessible parking spaces within existing Day Use parking area and erect accessible parking signage. Replace the AC pedestrian route of travel from the accessible parking spaces to the new CS. Grade an approximately 400 square foot area in front of the CS entrance for a level surface. Remove existing drinking fountain and install new fountain with 5'x5' concrete pad for level surface. Replace drains and water hook ups.

Excavation for work such as installation of new CS concrete foundation, utilities, and signage will be up to 2.5 feet in depth. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Comfort Station Replacement 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: Northern Service Center
EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographic features involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures/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 limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access," "trail or road repairs," "installation of park facilities such as signs," and "trail construction" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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