

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Restroom Replacement and Picnic Area Modification Project

LOCATION: Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park **COUNTY:** El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace two restrooms and modify picnic area facilities at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park to meet accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." Project components include:

Restrooms: Demolish the approximately 1,200 square foot (ft²) by 15 ft tall North Beach and Mill Site restrooms, including buildings and perimeter walkways and replace with facilities of about the same size. Replace and install new utilities in trenches up to 1,000 linear ft by 2 ft wide. Replace two 1,500 gallon septic tanks with septic tanks of similar capacity in holes about 10 ft long by 15 ft wide. Replace 150 gallon, Mill Site restroom sewer lift station with a new, approximately 500 gallon station in a 4 ft long by 4 ft wide hole. Remove about 3,000 ft² of uneven paved parking areas and pedestrian paths; grade/compact and install firm, even surfaces; install up to 25 linear ft of curb/curb cuts; re-stripe parking areas; and install new parking signs.

North Beach Picnic Area: Replace up to four drinking fountain/water station facilities, including faucets and underground drain boxes in approximately 3 ft long by 4 foot wide holes. Install an approximately 25 ft² firm, even surface around each faucet. Grade/compact ground surfaces in an approximately 175 ft² area at fourteen individual picnic sites and one approximately 5,800 ft² area at the group picnic site; install firm, even surfaces for picnic pads; and frame base of pads with wood boards. Install up to three new cooking stoves and replace picnic furniture with accessible models. Grade/compact about 1,500 ft² of ground surface and install firm, even paths. Remove striping and parking signs from accessible parking area adjacent to group picnic site. Remove an approximately 600 ft² uneven paved surface in parking area where accessible parking will be re-located; grade/compact and install firm, even surface; install up to 25 linear ft of curb/curb cuts; stripe parking area; and install parking signs.

Depth of soil disturbance will be up to 9 ft for building, facilities, and equipment installations. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Restroom Replacement and Picnic Area Modification 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, 11 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no 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; placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities; included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access," "construction or installation of park facilities such as restrooms," "installation of signs," and "installation of additional public use facilities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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