

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Accessible Campsite Modifications

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

COUNTY: Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Modify five campsites in the North Grove Campground at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to meet current accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines."

The following work will occur:

1. **Grading:** Excavate a maximum 6" in depth, compact, and fill an approximately 20' X 20' square area in each campsite with Class II road base to provide a firm, level surface.
2. **Fire rings:** Remove and relocate three fire rings. Excavate three 4' diameter holes to a depth of about 12" below grade to seat rings to meet the 24" accessibility height requirement. Install truncated (elevated warning) domes on the pavement around the perimeter of each fire ring.
3. **Camp stoves:** Remove Belson camp stoves and excavate to a depth of 20" below grade to lower the stoves to meet the 15-34" accessibility height requirement.
4. **Water Station:** Replace water faucets, drains, and water hook-ups. Excavate the existing water station to a depth of about 2' and install an approximately 5' X 5' concrete pad for a firm, level surface at each campsite water station.
5. **Paving:** Re-pave approximately 400 ft² to provide parking for the campsites.
6. **Campsite #73:** Construct a 100' long X 2' high retaining wall constructed of logs to build soil surface up to meet ADA slope and grade requirements. Install a water crossing up to 10' in length to obtain a level grade between the campsite and the closest restroom. Place logs and stobbers along a volunteer trail between the campsite and the restroom to close the trail.

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

Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 11

Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features, involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; replacement of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities or structures; minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; and construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities; included as "modifications of exiting

facilities for handicap access,” “trail removal,” and “seasonal water crossings” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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