

**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  
Northern Service Center  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Picnic Site Accessibility Improvements and Installation

**LOCATION:** San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area      **COUNTY:** Merced

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct picnic site accessibility improvements at the Los Banos Creek Day Use Area in San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area to comply with "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines."

- **Boat Ramp Parking Lot Picnic Area:** Work will grade soil surface to compact approximately 2,000 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) to replace furniture, shade structures, and barbeques at two picnic sites. Install an approximately 25 ft long x 1 ft wide x 2 ft tall retaining wall between one picnic site and Los Banos Reservoir and remove up to 10 linear ft of concrete curb between the two picnic sites and parking lot to improve pedestrian access.
- **View Point Area:** Work will grade soil surface to compact an approximately 3,850 ft<sup>2</sup> area for a new parking lot, two picnic sites, and pedestrian paths.

Excavate up to twenty holes to install footings for pedestal shade canopies, barbeques, and retaining wall. Install four approximately 64 ft<sup>2</sup> barbeque pads composed of compacted road base; four barbecues; four approximately 400 ft<sup>2</sup> concrete slabs; four dual picnic tables with approximately 200 ft<sup>2</sup> x 12 ft tall pedestal shade canopies; and three concrete pedestrian paths totaling approximately 550 ft<sup>2</sup> in size. Soil disturbance during grading and concrete installation will measure up to 1 ft deep and excavation to install footings will be approximately 2 ft diameter x 3 ft deep.

A list of project-specific project requirements for the Picnic Site Accessibility Improvements and Installation Project can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

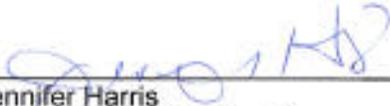
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Acquisition and Development

**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 no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have the same purpose and capacity; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; 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 "modifications of exiting facilities for handicap access," and "construction or installation of park facilities such as small parking lots," in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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