

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  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** Stove/Barbeque Replacement

**LOCATION:** George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area    **COUNTY:** Merced

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Replace twenty-seven unsafe and crumbling non-historic diablo style stoves/barbeques with 36" diameter fire rings at George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area to allow campers a safe location to have fires. Work will remove existing above ground stoves using a backhoe; excavate three 8" diameter X 2' deep holes per new fire ring; pour concrete footings into holes to prevent removal; and install the fire rings.

**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                      Class: 2 &4                      Section: 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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**Jess C. Cooper, District Superintendent**

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