

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: Interpretive Frame Installation

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

COUNTY: Calaveras & Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install six kiosk style and ten low profile interpretive frames at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to interpret cultural and natural resource information of the area. . Work will excavate two holes measuring 2'L X 2'W X 2'D per frame, install the metal frames, and fill with concrete for frame stability. Work at the Pioneer Cabin Tree will excavate a 46'L X 12'W X 10"D for a level grade, compact area with degraded gravel with a high content of clay for a firm stable surface, and remove existing vegetation and down woody material for an accessible route to the interpretive panel.

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: 3, 4, &11

Section: 15303, 15304, & 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; and construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities; included as "installation of park facilities, such as interpretive signing or panels: and "installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15400.4.

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