

**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  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pioneer Cemetery Marker – Matsunosuke Sakurai

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project would install a memorial marker within the Pioneer Cemetery at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. The memorial marker would be dedicated to Matsunosuke Sakurai (1834 – 1901), a samurai, who came to California in 1869 and helped establish the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony in the Coloma area along with 22 other Japanese.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Gold Fields District

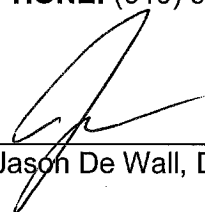
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures listed as "interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and the minor public alteration in the condition of the land and vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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Jason De Wall, District Superintendent

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