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CEQA # 14646

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Gold Fields District
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Gold Panning Relocation

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to move the public gold panning area from its current location in Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park to a new location in the park that will provide a safer interpretive and educational experience as well as improved access for park visitors of all abilities. Additional work will include the construction of a new shade structure. In an area next to the visitor center and museum work will:

For the Gold Panning Facilities:

- Grade the existing surface to establish a rough subgrade;
- Excavate as needed between the Museum, gold panning area and Wagon Barn to install all conduit necessary for current and future electrical, water and drainage needs and backfill and compact to grade when finished;
- Install DG pads edged with 2 x 6 pressure treated lumber for trough placement;
- Spread and compact DG throughout the panning area; and
- Relocate all existing gold panning troughs to the new area and connect to new water, electrical and drainage lines.

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 operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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