

District Project # 730-306-20250819

CEQA # 14367



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
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Calaveras Big Trees EV Main Visitor Parking

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

COUNTY: Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to install eight (8) Level 2 charging stations in the main parking lot at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to provide sufficient EV charging stations for park visitors. Work will:

- Remove approx. 815 sq. ft. of asphalt pavement, 234 sq. ft. of concrete sidewalk, 92 sq. ft. of landscaping and 13 sq. ft. of curbing;
- Excavate trenches up to 24-in. deep to install electrical conduit with necessary lines;
- Place warning tape 12-in. above electrical conduit and backfill per specifications;
- Grade to meet ADA slopes and match remaining paving and curb elevations;
- Install new asphalt paving and concrete sidewalks, equipment pads and bollard foundations;
- Paint new EV-only striping and accessible marking and where needed, install truncated domes;
- Install eight (8) single-port pedestal-mounted EVSE units and 5/8-in. x 8-ft copper grounding rods; and
- Connect to existing power.

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:

X Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3 & 4

Section: 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, 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 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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