

**District Project# 730-352-20250916**  
**CEQA# 14413**



**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:** Great Valley Grasslands Welcome Map Panel

**LOCATION:** Great Valley Grasslands State Park

**COUNTY:** Merced

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project proposes to install new bilingual welcome map panels at Great Valley Grasslands State Park to greet and orient visitors upon arrival at the park. To install the panel on the southern side of the Fremont Ford Boat Launch Parking area, work will:

- Excavate to level an area approx. 5-ft wide x 15-ft long x up to 6-in. deep;
- Install pressure treated 4x4 or 4x6 redwood as a border and infill the area with compacted decomposed granite until level and flush with the existing sidewalk;
- Excavate two (2) 18-in. x 24-in. deep holes and set sonotube forms;
- Pour concrete into the forms and set brackets;
- Once concrete is dry, attach the map panel posts to the brackets; and
- Spread excavated soils around the project area, filling in low areas.

**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:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, 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, included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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District Superintendent  
Central Valley District

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