

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 Sierra District P.O. Box 266 Tahoma, CA 96142

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sugar Pine Fence Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park COUNTY: El Dorado

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove and replace portions of a dilapidated fence located along the northern boundary of Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park, between the park and the adjacent neighborhood of Tahoma and remove and/or rehabilitate a total of nine (9) user-created trails near the fence line to improve visitor experience, enhance wildlife movement corridors, and improve visitor access into the park. Work will:

- Use hand crews to remove approx. 1.3 miles of old fencing entirely and load fence debris in dump trucks for disposal offsite;
- Install approx. 0.25 miles of new fence along 1st Avenue where the Sugar Pine maintenance yard and offices are located adjacent to the neighborhood:
  - Where possible, use post holes from the old fence posts to install new posts or excavate a 6-in. wide x 6-in. long x 24-in. deep hole for each new post;
  - Install 6-in. x 6-in. posts spaced approx. every 5 to 7 feet apart; connect posts on upper portion with two 2-in. x 6-in. boards and connect posts on the lower portion with two 2-in. x 4-in. boards. Secure wire fencing with horizontal boards.
- Remove five (5) user-created trails into the park, located at the end of every street in the adjacent neighborhood:
  - Mulch bare ground with native material, leaving sufficient openings in the mulch to allow revegetation;
  - Recontour and deposit duff over all rehabilitated areas to prevent future erosion and resource damage;
  - Place brush and dead trees along decommissioned routes; and
  - Install signage to discourage use and off trail travel.
- Adopt the remaining four (4) user-created trails, located at the termination of 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue(s), into the park's trail network and maintain under state park standards.
  - o Improve drainage by regrading to match surrounding topography;
  - Redistribute topsoil on finished surfaces and scatter organic material over the finished work area; and
  - Install signage at the end of each avenue directing users to the new adopted access routes within the park.

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

## NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

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 structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as interpretive signing or panels, fencing" and "Trail removal" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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