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State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION   2020100274

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: North Grove Meadow Riparian Restoration Project

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees North Grove   **COUNTY:** Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Implement the North Grove Meadow Riparian Restoration Project (NGMRRP) to offset the impacts to the riparian habitat for the Big Tree Creek Stormwater Compliance Project (BTCSCP). Work will:

- Remove and control invasive plants and conifer saplings within and along the edge of the meadow;
- Fell and relocate hazard and/or dead trees located along the perimeter of the meadow to specific locations along western edge of the meadow;
- replant native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants along western edge of meadow; and
- construct approximately 20 brush boxes within the Big Tree Cree. The brush boxes consists of cut material from conifer sapling removal and are approximately 5-ft wide x 1.5-ft tall x 1-ft depth.

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:

☒   Categorical Exemption Class: 4 & 33   Section: 15304 & 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor public or private alteration in land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and a small habitat restoration project which does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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