

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse  
Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

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

PROJECT TITLE: Park Facilities Vegetation Management

LOCATION: Caswell Memorial State Park COUNTY: San Joaquin County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct vegetation management activities at Caswell Memorial State Park (CMSP) to control the overgrown indigenous pests and non-native invasive plant species, Work will:

- In the 0 – 10' Zone: Remove all plants and shrubs 5' from road edges, campsites, and park facilities; and remove live and dead branches keeping a 10' distance from roofs and walls, and remove all leaves, needles, or other debris that fall in this zone;
- In the 5 – 30' Zone: Remove all dead plants, grass, and weeds up to 30' from facilities; actively prune live shrubs; and relocate large woody debris outside this zone and;
- In the 5 – 100' Zone: Create islands of vegetation with horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees; create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees; remove dead or dried vegetation; and trim trees regularly to maintain a minimum of 10' clearance between branches of adjoining trees and shrubs.

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

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources, included as "Resource Management Projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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