

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

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

PROJECT TITLE: Riparian Woodland Restoration Project

LOCATION: Caswell Memorial State Park

COUNTY: San Joaquin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project is intended to restore riparian woodland habitat within Caswell Memorial State Park and control invasive species, work will:

- Expand efforts to control exotic species, especially ailanthus, wild fig, arundo, Himalayan blackberry, and milk thistle;
- Manually and/or chemically treating Ailanthus and California grape using cut-stump treatment methods, according to PCA Recommendation No. 181211B from Wilbur-Ellis; and
- Manually removing and pile burning or chipping excess fuel loading. Vegetative piles will either be burned in place when conditions are conducive or relocated to another location within the Park to either be burned at later date or chipped.

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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