



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Buttes District  
400 Glen Drive  
Oroville, CA 95966

**PROJECT TITLE:** Walnut Orchard Removal & Native Plantings

**LOCATION:** Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park    **COUNTY:** Glenn

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove approximately 17 acres of walnut orchard trees at Irvine Finch Boat Launch Facility; a subunit of the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park, and replace 5ac with native trees and 12ac with native grasses. Work will:

- Remove approximately 17ac of walnut trees, including root balls, using an excavator, dozer and chainsaws,
- Dispose of biomass via burn piles, chipping and/or removal from site,
- Rip 17ac up to 12" deep and level land,
- Install drip system from on-site well to water 3-4 years,
- Plant approximately 2,500 container stock native plants resulting in 2,500 planting holes ranging in size from 6" to 12" deep, 6" to 12" across.
- Drill seed in approximately 12ac of native grass seed up to 2" deep,
- Utilize Caution labeled herbicides including, but not limited to: Milestone, Round Up Pro Concentrate, Garlon, 2,4-D, Telar, AquaMaster, Transline and Capstone.
- Conduct replacement plantings periodically over time.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Buttes District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 & 4

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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