

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE: Campfire Center Rehabilitation

LOCATION: [Calaveras Big Trees State Park](#)

COUNTY: Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace the existing Campfire Center in Calaveras Big Trees State Park that will improve ADA access and upgrade the interpretive area. Work will;

- Demolish and remove the existing stage, podium, projection booth, fire pit, benches, light fixtures and all paved surfaces;
- Regrade campfire center and adjoining walkways to achieve the required slopes;
- Construct an elevated concrete stage, concrete walkways, pads, stairs, stone veneer, support walls, and fire pit;
- Install entrance gateway with two 2.25' post anchors to hold a 5.5' x 18' cedar sign;
- Install a new screen frame with two posts, 5' x 24" deep to hold a 12"x 12" x 23' laminated post to hold a projector screen;
- Construct amphitheater benches placed 2'-2" deep with wood seats and backrests, supported by steel posts;
- Construct a timber screen support frame, gateway feature, podium, and wood storage box;
- Construct a 12' x 10' projection booth with wood panel siding painted to match existing color on visitor center;
- Install decomposed granite trails and asphalt pavement pathways;
- Install electrical and audiovisual system, including power, lighting, speakers, projector, and related ancillary equipment;
- Connect Campfire Center to the existing domestic water system for installation of new water piping and point of use spigots that will include excavating a 20'L x 2'W x 2'D trench; and
- Installation of 5 ½' light bollards placed 2 ½' in the ground.

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: 2, 3, & 4

Section: 15302, 15303, & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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