

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: Automatic Pay Machine and Gate Installation

LOCATION: Caswell Memorial State Park

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install a new automatic pay machine and two new power sliding gates with keypads at the entrance station to Caswell Memorial State Park, to control access to the park during hours when the kiosk is not staffed. This project will:

Automatic Pay Machine (APM):

- Form and pour a new APM concrete anchoring pad 3' X 3' X 22" deep;
- Power, voice, and data conduit will be routed through the attic of the entry station to the concrete slab;
- Excavate a 18" deep x 2' trench from front entrance to the APM pad and install electric and telephone cables will be brought up into the 3" diameter holes;
- Excavate three, 30" deep X 12" in diameter post holes and install 80" tall high impact visibly striped 4" galvanized steel fixed posts/bollards in concrete foundations; and
- Anchor bolts will be spaced in the pad in accordance to the manufacturer's specifications, 5/8" x 8".

Automatic Gate:

- Excavate, form, and pour a 12' x 6' x 18" deep concrete support pad and install a 24' x 4' gate across existing pavement at the road leading to the day use area;
- Excavate a 100' long x 6" wide trench within existing asphalt pavement to pull power and phone line from the kiosk to keypad and gate; and
- Install a keypad set 10' in front of the new rolling gate.

Lane Expansion:

- Grade and compact an 800 square foot area up to 9" in depth and lay 3" of asphalt over 4" of road base to provide a vehicle turnaround area.

Signage:

- Install a "GATE AHEAD" sign on an existing "Fees Required" signpost. Sign to be maximum 18"x24" and will match existing sign colors.

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: 1, 2, 4, & 11 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304, & 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included, minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities included as "Installation of fee collection devices" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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