

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: Pioneer Cabin Tree Exhibit

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

COUNTY: Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install a mounted "cookie" section of the Pioneer Cabin Tree accompanied by two interpretive panels, and one low level angled interpretive panel at the base of the trees site. The Pioneer Cabin tree was an iconic visitor site in Calaveras Big Tree until it fell during a rainstorm. Project work is as follows:

- Mount a "cookie" section of the Pioneers Cabin Tree to a stone/wood frame for visitors to view. Footprint of display will be 12' 6" length x 3' width x 11' height. Stone supports will be 3' 6" high with the top of the plate totaling 11', the entire display will be 12' 6" wide.
- Install two NPS style low level angled panels next to the exhibit requiring four holes measuring 2' deep x 1' wide diameter to be dug.
- Install one low level angled interpretive panel at the base of the once standing tree. Installation will require excavation of two holes measuring 2.5' deep x 1' wide diameter.
- Backfill all holes with a base layer of gravel, followed by setting the post in concrete and finishing with a small layer of backfill on the top.

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 & 11 Section: 15304 & 15311

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; and construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities included as "Installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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