

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: Great Valley Grassland Ecological Burn

LOCATION: [Great Valley Grassland State Park](#)

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct an ecological burn in the area described as "little Idaho" unit in Great Valley Grasslands State Park to reduce invasive plant species and large accumulations of thatch. This accumulation of grasses makes any perennial grass restoration efforts futile. The area needs an ecological burn prior to the planned restoration project to restore the floodplain (SCH#: 2017121006), Work will:

- Conduct a 222-acre grassland ecological prescribed burn to reduce grass fuels by 90-100% in all fuel size;
- Use nearby levee roads for control lines; and
- Weed eaters will be used within the inside of the levees to assist with adding more control lines to decrease chances of fire escaping the unit.

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 do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes 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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