

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: 2021 4x4 Area Re-Veg and Rock Crawl Trail

LOCATION: Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Increase vegetative cover, remove redundant trails, and create a new and sustainable rock crawl trail in the 4x4 Area within Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area to reduce soil erosion and provide additional recreational opportunities. The project site spans approximately 8 acres containing trails and unvegetated areas. Work will:

- Use heavy equipment to install a new 1,858 feet long by 24 feet wide rock crawl trail containing rocks and boulders;
- Use heavy equipment to improve 250 feet by 20 feet of existing road surface to provide access to an existing restroom;
- Repair/install 3,716 feet of permanent fencing. Incorporate existing fencing where feasible;
- Use approximately 160 cubic yards of dredged soil from within the Park's sediment basins as well as soil displaced by the installation of the new rock crawl trail to re-slope and supplement areas targeted for revegetation; and
- Hydroseed to revegetate a total of 4.14 acres with native seed and a high-performance flexible growth medium.

Project will avoid Waters of the U.S. and Waters of the State of California. Project construction will be conducted outside of the nesting bird season and during favorable weather conditions.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District

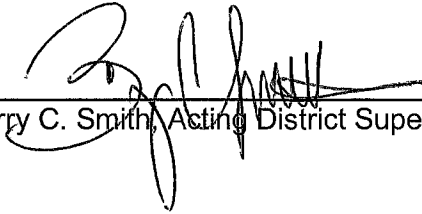
EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 3, 4 Section: 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "fencing", "trail construction or realignment", "resource management projects" and "trail removal" and in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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