

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: Group Camp Fire Pit Repair

LOCATION: [Caswell Memorial State Park](#)

COUNTY: San Joaquin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Repair and make improvements to the fire pit at the Group Camp Area in Caswell Memorial State Park to provide an improved and safer facility for park users. Work will;

- Remove loose and/or damaged stone and clean surfaces with soapy water to prepare surfaces for new mortar;
- Use bender board, # 3-gauge rebar, and reinforcement tie wires to build concrete forms on top of existing the fire pit's concrete rim to increase the overall height of the fire pit to 20 to 24 inches to meet ADA standards;
- Mix Portland cement and pour the concrete into the prepared forms. Grade and smooth edges and allow 24-48 hours for concrete to cure;
- Apply stones to the concrete finish, using the fresh water to wet the stones before setting to control suction. Stagger the stones to build strong joints; and
- Mix and apply S-Type Mortar to joints and "tuck & point" between stones and smooth around edges.

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, 3, & 4

Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, 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.; 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; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

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