

**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 Calaveras Big Trees Parkway Gate installation

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks intends to install a steel gate on the Tuolumne County side of the Walter W. Smith Memorial Parkway at Calaveras Big Trees State Park as a public safety precaution so during a prescribed burn or in case of emergency, park managers can restrict access to the entirety of the southern portions of the park. Work will;

- Use hand tools and gas-powered augers to excavate four (4) 1-foot diameter x 2-foot deep holes (two (2) holes on each side of the road);
- On each side of the road, install one (1) steel post with 14-foot long attached gate and one (1) 4-foot long, 4-in. x 4-in. cedar poles (to serve as a gate rest when open); and
- Fill the holes with cement to secure the gates and cedar poles.

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:

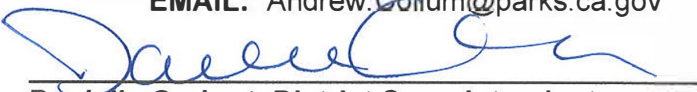
Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3 & 4 Section: 153401, 15303, & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited new numbers of new, small facilities or structures and is included as "fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4, and the 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.

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