NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Issue Right of Entry Permit – Barton Ranch for Test Pits and Soil Borings

LOCATION: Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area  COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry permit to Barton Ranch LLC to Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area to excavate fifteen (15) Geotech test pits, six (6) percolation soil borings, and two (2) soil vapor borings to define, confirm and compare soil profiles and confirm dredge tailing pile boundaries. All work will be consistent with the Department’s policies and will comply with all conditions identified in the Right of Entry Permit.

Work will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code; and be coordinated with the Gold Field District’s staff as identified in the Right of Entry Permit.

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: 5  Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density and is included as “issuance of temporary use permits” and “issuance of easements and permits” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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