



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area Storage Yard Expansion

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project will expand the existing maintenance yard at Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area to accommodate additional vehicles and storage containers belonging to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division. The project area will increase the overall size of the existing maintenance yard by approximately 0.2 acres and include the addition of two (2) new entrance gates and an access road.

Work will:

- Use both hand tools and heavy equipment to remove vegetation as well as to contour, grade, compact, and level the area and new access road;
- Use hand tools and/or heavy equipment to spread base rock or similar aggregate over the entire area to create a stable surface;
- Excavate 8 - 12 inches wide by up to 18 inches deep every 6 - 10 feet along the proposed fence line and secure posts with concrete;
- Install approximately 250 - 300 feet of new chain link fencing around the area;
- Trim select tree limbs from a cottonwood tree along the southern edge of the yard;
- Install one (1) approximately 16 feet wide entrance gate in the southwestern corner and one (1) 6-foot-wide entrance gate along the eastern portion of the area;
- Excavate up to 12 holes approximately two feet by one foot wide and install wood or metal poles to construct approximately two 10 – 12 feet tall shade ramadas to provide shaded parking areas for vehicles; and.
- Relocate existing Conex storage containers from their current location into the new fenced area.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 Statutory Exemption (Section)
 Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3, 4 & 11

Section: 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15311

CEQA# 13790

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures listed as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. A Project Evaluation Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above. No exceptions to the exemption apply to this project.

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