

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Black Miners Bar Earth Day Planting Project

LOCATION: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Plant up to one hundred and fifty-two (152) plants including trees and shrubs at Black Miners Bar within Folsom Lake State Recreation Area as part of an earth day planting project. Plant selection may include valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), blue oak (*Quercus douglasii*), interior live oak (*Quercus wislizenii*), ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), gray pine (*Pinus sabiniana*), western redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*), California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), and golden sticky monkey flower (*Diplacus aurantiacus*). Heavy equipment and hand tools will be used to:

- Remove and chip two (2) standing dead trees and two (2) fallen trees, chips will be utilized as mulch on site;
- Remove and pretreat invasive species within the project area;
- Dig up to one hundred and fifty-two (152) flat-bottomed holes, three (3) times the width and approximate depth to accommodate the root ball (not to exceed 28 inch wide by 28 inch deep); and
- Plant up to one hundred and fifty-two (152) plants of varying species.

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: 1, 4 Section: 15301, 15304

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

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