

Notice of Exemption



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Project Title: Canebrake Ecological Reserve (ER) Trail & Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Project Location: Canebrake ER - Onyx, California

Project Description: This project seeks to make repairs to damaged and degraded infrastructure related to the Canebrake ER public use trail. Tasks included in this project are:

The repair and repainting of an existing wooden foot bridge. Portions of the wooden foot bridge that were damaged by falling trees, or have deteriorated due to weathering, will be replaced. The existing bridge handrails will be replaced with angled rails to prevent the public from sitting on the railing. Cement bridge approaches will be poured to replace existing eroded soil approaches. Once repairs are completed the bridge will be repainted to prevent future weathering.

Repair portions of the exiting trail surface where water and/or root damage have impacted the existing substrate. Clear areas of the public trail where the invasive plant, Russian thistle (Salsola sp.) have grown through the existing resin-based trail substrate, and refill and compact areas with a similar trail stabilizing substrate.

Clean and repack damaged culvert. A plugged culvert under the public access trail where it crosses over an irrigation ditch will be cleaned out and onsite soil will be replaced to repair a washed-out area of the trail. Once the culvert is reseated, the area will be compacted, and a trail surface will be reestablished using a soil stabilizing substrate to match existing trail surfacing.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why the project is exempt: This project will only consist of actions related to the repair and maintenance of existing structures and facilities.

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