

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Repair Lower Falls Paved Trail

LOCATION: McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project proposes to repair existing erosion and build a retaining wall, with railing, along the lower portion of the Burney Falls Trail at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park to repair and stabilize the existing trail and deter short-cutting to the falls pool. The project will encompass approx. 250 linear feet of trail, from the end of an existing retaining wall at the lowest switchback, to existing stairs that enable access to the falls pool viewing area. Work will:

- Excavate, as needed, to install a new retaining wall with a maximum wall height of 36-in. above the trail surface, with a railing on top to reach a minimum of 42 inches from the trail surface;
- Pour concrete to establish a new trail surface to match an already improved portion of the trail;
- Use grout, crushed native gravel, and hand placed rock boulders to repair the existing eroded areas of the retaining wall on the second-to-last switchback;
- At the falls pool, move and/or place boulders and smaller aggregate in such a way as to allow for safe and stable access to the pool, without otherwise introducing any new material; and
- Adjacent to the fall's pool viewing platform, excavate no deeper than 6-in. to install a 5-ft. wide memorial bench made of either local rock or wood.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 2, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of operation, repair, and maintenance of minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as "utility repairs or minor upgrades" and "Trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity at the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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