



State of California – The Resources Agency
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
2241 Harvard Street, Ste 200
Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Dos Rios Ranch – Acquisition and Phase I Improvements

LOCATION: Grayson

COUNTY: Stanislaus

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Authorize the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Deputy Director to enter into a lease with River Partners, LLC for the Dos Rios Ranch Preserve Located at 3599 Shiloh Road, at the confluence of the San Joaquin and Tuolumne Rivers in Stanislaus County, for creation of a new State Park. The initial acquisition will encompass 65.8-acres +/- . Within the proposed visitors’ area, the following work will be performed as part of the first phase:

- Demolish the partially collapsed roof on the grain storage building and provide structural repairs to columns and trusses;
- Demolish asphalt, and existing modular office building and restroom structures;
- Clear and grub all areas as necessary;
- Install a both a pipe gate and electric sliding gate at the entry;
- Construct screened fences and screened sliding gates at residence, maintenance yard and the concrete pit;
- Install a temporary construction trailer in the maintenance yard;
- Install a temporary modular office building;
- Install a 3,000-gallon water tank for fire suppression;
- Install two (2) restroom trailers;
- Install split rail fencing along each side of the entry road and along the pond edge in the lease area;
- Install boulders to delineate driveways from pedestrian pathways;
- Construct a pedestrian path between the parking area and the future welcome center;
- Construct picnic sites consisting of concrete tables and shade structures;
- Construct ADA parking spaces and paths of travel where appropriate;
- Rehabilitate an existing covered carport;
- Install a water fountain and hose bibbs, as necessary;
- Install benches throughout the area in various locations; and
- Relocate the existing electrical from the removed restroom structure to a new pole.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Facilities & Development Division

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption: Class: 1, 3, 4 & 16 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15316

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project also consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where on minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure, included as “Utility repairs or minor upgrades,”

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Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access” and “Construction or installation of park facilities, such as restrooms, small parking lots, interpretive signing or panels, and 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 the acquisition, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition or contains historical or archaeological resources, where a management plan for the park has not been prepared.

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