



**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
Northern Buttes District
400 Glenn Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Fuels Reduction around Bidwell Canyon Marina and Campgrounds

LOCATION: Lake Oroville State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Butte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Treat approximately 46 acres in the natural lands surrounding the Bidwell Canyon marina and campgrounds at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area to reduce forest fuels management and enhance public safety. Work will:

- Create a 200-ft shaded fuel break around campsites and roadways;
- Retain live, healthy vigor trees over 8-inches DBH and remove ladder fuels of retained trees up to 10-ft above the ground;
- Remove biomass (under 8-in DBH) from the dripline of larger retained trees to break fire movement continuity and reduce ground to crown fire behavior;
- Thin understory shrubs to break up fire movement continuity; and
- Reduce or rearrange surface fuels (dead and downed vegetation) through chipping, pile burning, and/or broadcast burns.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

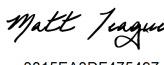
Class: 1 & 4

Section: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, listed as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15003.4.

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