

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Phase 02 Interim Improvements

LOCATION: Dos Rios Ranch State Park **COUNTY:** Stanislaus

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Complete temporary improvements for the proposed Phase II Project at Dos Rios Ranch State Park that will change the land use of the immediate +/-65.8-acre (gross) site from an agricultural support focus to a visitor/park use focus. The Phase 2 improvements are limited to:

At the Welcome Center Area:

- Place on grade, a 188 SF modular building to serve as the new temporary welcome center.
- Excavate, as needed to install concrete footings and construct a fully accessible wood deck, with three (3) sets of steps and one (1) ADA access ramp, around the new welcome center.
- Excavate a 10-ft long x 18-in. deep trench for a waterline and excavate an 18-in. x 30-in. x 3-ft deep hole for a drain sump and install one (1) ADA compliant drinking fountain; and
- Excavate a 12-in. wide x 36-in. deep x 300-ft long trench to install telecommunications services.

At the Entrance Area:

- Install a 145 SF modular building on an existing concrete pad to serve as the temporary Entrance Station kiosk.
- Excavate six (6) 18-in. diameter x 36-in. deep footings to install a portable wood screen fence around an existing portable restroom trailer.
- Grade a 9,100 SF area and install 6-in. asphalt concrete paving over 4-in. of aggregate base.
- Excavate 12-in. deep over a 360 SF area and form and pour a concrete ADA parking stall.
- Excavate approx. 22, 6-in. x 24-in. holes and install an approx. 200-ft long split rail fence.
- Excavate up to 12-in. deep over a 360 SF area and form and pour an accessible concrete pathway between the existing portable restroom trailer and the ADA parking space.
- Provide power via an existing power line and pole to the new modular entrance station building for interior and exterior electrical needs.
- Excavate a 12-in. wide x 36-in. deep x 1,050-ft long trench for telecommunications services to the entrance station; and
- Excavate an 800-ft long utility/comms trench between the entry kiosk and the park entrance off Shiloh Road.

At the Barn

- Replace missing metal roofing and repair the existing turret; and
- Replace and reinforce portions of the existing walls, where necessary.

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, 3, 4 & 25 **Section:** 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15325

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, included as "Construction or installation of park facilities such as kiosks and fencing" 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 transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. Finally, no exceptions as identified in Section 15300.2 of CEQA apply to the use of these exemptions.

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