

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Dinosaur Point Road Large Equipment Transportation

LOCATION: Pacheco State Park

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes to set up a road monitoring/road survey program for a 1.5 mile stretch of Dinosaur Point Road, from the park entrance to Windmill Road, in Pacheco State Park to assess the road's worthiness for use during, and after, completion of a permitted windfarm installation within the park. For the windfarm project, the 1.5 mile stretch of Dinosaur Point Road will be used by oversized vehicles to transport construction materials, including up to twenty-one windmills, to the windfarm sites on the eastern side of the park. The monitoring program will conduct regular surveys to ensure the road remains sound. Monitoring work will include the following:

Falling weight deflector testing:

- Use a trailer-mounted device that operates by dropping a weight on to the pavement and measuring the resulting pavement deflections device that is used to evaluate pavement and pavement layer stiffness; and
- Collect data at 100 foot intervals, per lane, staggered.

Coring at specific intervals:

- Over the course of 1.5 miles, use a coring machine equipped with a 6-inch diameter diamond drill bit to take four 4 – 5 core samples within the road prism:
- Cores will extend to the full thickness of the asphalt layers, and
- Use cold patch asphalt to repair cored sections that are removed.

Video Recording:

- Use GoPro cameras attached to vehicle hoods to monitor road conditions and vehicle protocols.

Culvert Condition Assessment:

- Monitor and collect data on all culverts along the road alignment, including diameter, pipe material, field condition and water level, oxidation conditions, depth from grade, and general condition rating.

Overhead Obstruction Data Collection:

- Collect data on overhanging obstacles along the grade of the road.

Destressing Survey:

- Sample randomly identified sections (2,500 SF per section) totaling 10% of the road and rate each section by the following criteria:
 - Cracking
 - Rutting
 - Other asphalt distresses

Repair Plan:

- Clark Brothers, Inc. will continuously monitor road conditions and address significant defects such as enlarged cracks and potholes; and
- Perform remediation actions, including cold asphalt patching or similar fixes, promptly to ensure safe road conditions, with cold patch asphalt as the preferred patching material.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District


EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4 & 6 Section: 15301, 15304, & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources; and basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource included as "Soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

CONTACT: *Andrew Collum, DEC
Central Valley District*

TELEPHONE: (209) 768-2492
EMAIL: Andrew.Collum@parks.ca.gov

DocuSigned by:

D366D4E15BEB404...

Danielle Gerhart, District Superintendent

DATE 7/24/2024