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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:

Gibson Ranch Sensory Trail Playground

Control Number:

PLER2023-00092

Project Location:

The project is located within the boundaries of Gibson Ranch Regional Park at 8558 Gibson Ranch Park Road, in the Rio Linda community of unincorporated Sacramento County.

APN:

203-0050-009

Description of Project:

The proposed project involves the construction of a new, all-inclusive playground at the site of the former swim hole. The construction area is approximately 1 acre in size. The project is located within the larger 63± acre Gibson Ranch Regional Park, approximately 370-feet east of Gibson Ranch Park Road. The project proposes to grade (fill in the old swim hole) approximately 27,903 square feet or 0.64 acres for the development of a playground. Grading will involve the placement of 1,245 cubic yards of soil as fill and the elevation will rise approximately 10-feet to 90-feet above sea level. The playground will include concrete pathways, synthetic safety surface, play equipment, picnic tables and stormwater drainage infrastructure and new landscaping.

Name of public agency approving project:

Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.gov

Person or agency carrying out project:

Sacramento County Regional Parks, Attn: KC Sorgen
9660 Ecology Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is occurring on a disturbed site that was a former swimming hole that has been decommissioned and partially filled. Implementation of the proposed project will result in 17% encroachment of two native oaks located in the southwest outer boundary of the project; no tree removal is proposed. Class 3 exemptions consist of construction of new, small facilities or structures and the proposed playground falls under this exemption class. Class 4 exemptions consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, including grading on land with a slope of less than 10%. The proposed grading would be minor and within the scope of exempt grading described within Class 4 exemptions and is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *The project will occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations;*

The Project is located within an old swimming hole that has been filled and is not considered a biologically sensitive location.

2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time;*

The Project will not result in significant cumulative environmental impacts.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway;*

The Project is not located in the vicinity of a highway officially designated as a scenic highway. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

The project site does not contain any historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.

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