

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Butte

From: (Public Agency): California State University, Chico
400 West 1st Street
Chico, CA 95929-0925

(Address)

Project Title: Bidwell Amphitheater Renewal

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

Chico State

Project Location - City: Chico

Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State University, Chico

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 - Existing Facilities (15301(d))
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


This renewal project is in an existing facility and does not involve expansion or change of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Zachary Smith Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530/898-5653

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  [Zachary Smith, 2024, 2024 15:09 PST] Date: Dec 4, 2024 Title: Dir, Design & Construction

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The facility is currently in rough shape and a safety hazard. Bidwell Bowl has seat boards that are missing and broken. Additionally, there is graffiti that needs to be removed, and cleaning of the concrete. Even when fenced off, it continues to be tagged with graffiti and seat boards broken. The primary goal of this project is to restore Bidwell Bowl while maintaining its historical significance and enhancing its aesthetic appeal. We aim to revitalize this space, ensuring it remains a welcoming and functional environment for all visitors, while preserving the original design intent.

- Replace existing boards with 4 ea. 2x4 Douglas Fir boards (Approx. 4,500 LF), finished with a clear deck and porch stain - Minwax water-based products or Behr Stain and Sealer. Spacing between rows shall be like-for-like with existing widths.
- Remove graffiti throughout the area in accordance with the below preservation office procedures.
 - <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-01-cleaning-masonry.pdf>
 - <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-06-abrasive-cleaning.pdf>
 - <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-15-concrete.pdf>
 - <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-38-graffiti.pdf>
- The existing hardware used to fasten the benches should be reused to attach new boards to the I-beams. If existing hardware is insufficient, provide new identical hardware to fasten the remaining benches. Ensure a mix of existing and new hardware throughout the area.
- Install identical I-beam supports for benches where not already present. 49 ea. are missing in total. For new I-beam supports ensure that their placement and spacing match those of the existing supports.