Project# 730-306-20191125 CEQA# 12940

## State of California **Department of Parks and Recreation**

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## 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:** Interpretative Panel Replacement

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

**COUNTY:** Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install seven (7) new interpretative panels at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to provide better interpretive information about the cultural and natural resources of the park to park visitors. For each new sign, work will excavate two (2) 2'W x 2'D holes, install new support posts, fill and compact each hole with sand or base rock to grade, and attach a new interpretive panel to the posts. Additionally, some of the old interpretive panels will be removed and new, updated interpretive panels will be installed to existing support posts.

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:

 $\boxtimes$ **Categorical Exemption** 

Class: 1, 3, & 4

Section: 15301, 15303, & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, included as "installation of park facilities, such as interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and the 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 purposes.

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