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: Feral Car Sign Installation

LOCATION: Caswell State Historic Park

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks proposes to install up to six (6) signs in several locations within public view indicating the presence of feral cats at Caswell State Park to inform park visitors of the presence of the cats, provide information about the threat the feral cats pose to local wildlife, and to hopefully deter future visitors hoping to discard unwanted house pets. Project work is as follows:

- Attach five (5) 12-inch x 12-inch signs to pre-existing sign posts; and
- Excavate one (1) approximately 5-inch x 5-inch x 2-foot hole,
- Place a 4-inch x 4-inch x 6-foot treated wood pole, backfill with excavated soils to secure; and
- Attach a new sign to the post.

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, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

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; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "Construction or installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources.

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