

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
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PROJECT TITLE: George J. Hatfield SRA Day Use and Campground Upgrades

LOCATION: [George J Hatfield State Recreation Area](#) **COUNTY:** Merced County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Upgrade and complete repairs in the park/campground at George J Hatfield State Park in Merced County to provide accessible services and facilities, improved camping experiences, and expanded RV site accessibility. Work will:

- 1) For the Camp Host Site Pad:
 - Grade and/or fill to level a 35ftL x 20ftW area and excavate two (2) a 12in.W x 24in.D trenches to provide water and power;
 - Excavate a 12in.W x 36in.D trench to connect to an existing septic tank; and
 - Install a 36in. route of travel around hook-ups.
- 2) For a new Septic:
 - Excavate a 88in.L x 48in.W x 42in.D hole and install a new 500 gallon septic tank;
 - Excavate two (2) 50ft.L x 2ft.W x 3ftD trenches for system leach lines; and
 - Cover the enviro-chambers (tank) with excavated materials.
- 3) For the RV Sites:
 - Grade and/or fill to install five (5) 35ft.L x 20ft.W pull in campsites along the west end of day use entrance road; and
 - Excavate two (2) 12in. x 24in.D trenches to provide water for the new RV sites.
- 4) In the Day Use Parking Area:
 - Remove an existing island area and pave to provide an additional 15-20 parking spots; and
 - Widen the existing turnaround area by 5ft to allow for larger vehicles use of this area.
- 5) For New Day Use Ramadas:
 - Excavate as needed to install eleven (11) new 11ft. L x 11ft. W picnic sites with four (4) 18in.W x 3ft.D post holes dug per site for shade structure support posts;
 - Set posts by compaction to increase ease of future replacement, if needed;
 - Excavate to install one (1) post BBQ in near proximity to each Ramada; and
 - Excavate an approx. 600ft.L x 18in.W x 24in. D trench to install water lines from the nearby restroom for new water stations.
- 6) For accessible parking:
 - Restripe for two (2) ADA accessible parking stalls near the day use restroom, and two (2) at the northwest corner of the day use parking lot for accessible campsites; and
 - Install compliant paths of travel to nearby campsite comfort station and picnic sites.

- 7) In the Group/Camping parking:
 - Restripe group-camp/campground parking area and number to reflect group vs campsite parking.

- 8) For overflow parking and turnaround:
 - Install two (2) 70' and 90' overflow parking areas on the west group entrance lot road;
 - Extend the west group entrance roadway by 100ft to install a 60ft diameter turnaround, area and install a sign post for the turnaround; and
 - Install a new pole gate after the turnaround to stop traffic at northern river trail.

- 9) In the Campsite/Day-use:
 - Stabilize and repair an twenty-one (21) campsite grills with in kind materials; and
 - Excavate to install three (3) new fire ring grills at locations where grills were removed.

- 10) At the Group camp BBQ:
 - Install a new 5ft L x 8ft.W x 4in.D concrete pad in the same location as the existing to support two (2) new double BBQ's that will be anchored to the new pad.

- 11) Existing Comfort Stations/Restrooms
 - Modify/upgrade to meet ADA standards, including widening doorways, lowering sinks, dispensers and toilets, modifying stall size, and adding grab bars.

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: 1,2,3, & 4 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, &15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and is included as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§15300.4; the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and 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 purposes.

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