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State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association Bench Project

LOCATION: Clear Lake State Park **COUNTY:** Lake

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Clear Lake State Park Interpretative Association, a cooperative association operating at Clear Lake State Park, will install new benches along trails and at scenic viewpoints within Clear Lake State Park to provide park visitors with high-quality outdoor experiences and accessibility to better views from within the park. Four (4) benches will not be ADA compliant and five (5) will be ADA compliant. Work will be as follows:

The four (4) non-ADA compliant benches will be located along the downhill side of Dorn Trail and:

- At least 12-inches back from the existing trail so a seated person will not obstruct the trail for active users,
- Excavate two (2) holes 2-foot deep x 1-foot wide, insert one (1) 2-foot long, 2-inch x 2-inch square heavy galvanized metal post per hole, and backfill with concrete to set;
- Attach a 72-inch long x 16-inch wide con-heart redwood bench, with a final resting elevation of 17 to 19-inches above grade; and
- Cover the concrete with surrounding duff to return the area to a natural undisturbed look.

The five (5) ADA compliant benches will be located near exisiting accessible route of travel to ADA parking near Kelsey Slough and will:

- Excavate, as needed, to level a 30-inch x 48-inch flat area and a 36-inch-wide wide route of travel;
- Apply decomposed granite, compacted in lifts, onto the leveled surfaces to create an encapsulated sustainable pad surface with routes of travel at 2% slope or less;
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PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 1, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of a limited number of new small facilities, 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.

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