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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:
Gibson Ranch Pathway to Play Sensory Trail Phase II

Control Number:
PLER2025-00094

Project Location:
Gibson Ranch Regional Park, approximately 650 feet north of Elverta Road and approximately 2,430 feet west of Watt Avenue, in the Rio Linda community of unincorporated Sacramento County.

APN:
203-0050-009-0000

Description of Project:
Sacramento County Regional Parks will expand the existing sensory trail play system in Gibson Ranch Regional Park. The construction area is approximately 0.75 acre and includes a new concrete looping pathway, a sundial constructed of pavers, new specialized equipment, and rubber safety surfacing. New landscaping will be installed along the pathway to contribute to the sensory experience. Minor excavation (approximately six inches in depth) and grading will be required to ensure the concrete path and safety surface meet state and federal accessibility standards. Construction of the project will not require the removal of vegetation, including trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:
Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.gov

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Exempt Status:
Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300-15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and structures. And Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Subsection (a) includes grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, except in areas designated as wetland or waters, scenic, or mapped as a severe geologic hazard. Implementation of the project will include minor grading and excavation for the concrete pathway and safety surfacing, installation of play equipment along the pathway, and new landscaping. The project area does not contain waters or wetlands, is not in a designated scenic area, and is not mapped as a severe geologic hazard. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies?*

   The project area is within the Gibson Ranch Regional Park, on an old swimming hole that has been filled in and is not considered a sensitive location for environmental resources. Therefore, implementation of the project will not result in an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

   The project includes construction of a concrete pathway and installation of sensory paly equipment in a previously disturbed area which will not result in significant impacts on environmental resources and cumulative impacts will not be considerable.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

   There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

   River Road/Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway, approximately 10 miles west of the project. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources within an officially designated scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

   The project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

   The project site does not contain any historical resources.

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