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Project # 359-2026-01

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
P.O. Box 266
Tahoma, CA 96142

PROJECT TITLE: Independence Trail East Crib Wall Replacement

LOCATION: South Yuba River State Park **COUNTY:** Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace the existing crib wall on the Independence Trail (East) at South Yuba River State Park with a newly designed 30-ft long crib wall to improve public safety, enhance trail stability, and prevent further erosion. Work will:

- Use hand tools and a mini excavator to remove the existing retaining structure and tread material and dispose of offsite;
- Remove vegetation and debris within the existing footprint;
- Use hand tools to grade, level, and compact the area to establish a stable foundation;
- Use redwood timbers to assemble a 30-ft long by 2-5-ft tall retaining wall with railing and incorporated drain features to manage runoff and prevent water pressure buildup as follows:
  - Use 5/8-in 4-ft long rebar spaced 4-ft apart to anchor lumber tiers;
  - Place weep holes every 5-6 ft on every other tier to allow for adequate drainage; and
  - Install geotextile fabric to separate crushed aggregate from soil to prevent drainage clogs; and
  - Install a handrail with tapered vertical supports and use ½-in x 7-in. lags at top and middle and 6-in. lags at the bottom to pin.
- Backfill with approx. 50 cu. yards of ¾-inch crushed aggregate and compact; and
- Reconstruct the trail surface above the crib wall with proper slope, alignment, and tread width to meet accessibility standards.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

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

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, 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 structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes.

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