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CEQA # 13922

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Pool Infrastructure Upgrade

LOCATION: Grover Hot Springs State Park **COUNTY:** Alpine

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will rehabilitate, modernize, and bring into code compliance the existing, dilapidated Pool Complex at Grover Hot Springs State Park. The project consists of the in-kind replacement and minor modification of existing facilities entirely within previously disturbed soils, with no expansion of the facility's original footprint or capacity. Specific project components include:

- **Pool and Deck Reconstruction:** Demolition and replacement of the existing hot pool (approx. 22' x 47') and cold pool (approx. 25' x 50') in their identical dimensions; replacement of the concrete pool deck and 1,200 linear feet of integrated hydronic heating piping; and installation of two Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant accessible pool lifts.
- **Building and Facility Improvements:** Modernization and selective demolition of the existing changing/locker room to meet accessibility codes (including a 90 sq. ft. building addition and roof replacement); demolition of a 114 sq. ft. non-compliant lifeguard shack and construction of a new lifeguard tower; and construction of a new 300 sq. ft. ticket kiosk/storage structure with associated concrete retaining walls within an existing native plant garden area.
- **Site Utilities and Mechanical Upgrades:** Removal and replacement of above-grade pool mechanical equipment (pumps, controllers, chemical feeders) within the existing pump building; installation of a new site-cast heat exchanger vault; and trenching for underlying site utilities, including storm drains, electrical conduit for pool lighting, a 60-linear-foot liquid petroleum (LP) gas line, and dedicated pool piping (suction, return, skimmer, fill, and drain lines).
- **Fencing and Landscaping:** Removal and replacement of perimeter wood fencing, split-rail fencing, and metal handrails. Native plants within the ticket kiosk footprint will be salvaged and replanted in an adjacent 223 sq. ft. area.

All excavated spoils and demolished materials will be hauled off-site and disposed of properly at an approved facility. Temporary Best Management Practices (BMPs) for storm water and erosion control will be installed prior to construction and maintained throughout the duration of the project.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: California State Parks-Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ **Categorical Exemption Class:** 1, 2, 3, 4 **Section:** 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access", in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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