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Project # 356-2026-01

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: Malakoff Back Bone Repeater Gate Installation

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install a new swing gate and new signpost on the access road to the existing Communications Tower off Back Bone Road at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park to secure the facility, reduce illegal dumping of vehicles and other waste, prevent unauthorized vehicle access to the repeater site, and reinforce a US Forest Service (USFS) road closure. Work will:

For the Gate Installation

- On the access road, approx. 75-ft from the Back Bone Rd junction, use an excavator to dig three (3) 5-ft deep x 16-in. wide holes;
- Place sonotubes in the holes and pour mixed on-site concrete into them;
- Insert the metal gate posts into concrete and use blocks to temporarily stabilize the gate while in a closed position until the concrete sets;
- Remove blocks and spread remaining fill evenly around gate posts and cover with duff; and
- Install boulders and/or logs along gate edges to prevent vehicle access.

For the Signpost Installation

- Approx. 30-ft before the gate, use a hand auger to excavate a 3-ft deep x 6-in. wide hole;
- Place one (1) ground contact 4x4 into the hole and backfill with removed dirt; and
- Attach sign.

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 facilities or structures; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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