



**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
2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Bullfrog Pond and Pond Farm Water System

LOCATION: Austin Creek State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes the construction of waterlines, storage and treatment facilities in Austin Creek State Recreation Area to replace systems lost in the 2020 Walbridge Fire and provide potable water to park visitors and staff. Work will include the following:

For the New Water Tank:

- Remove the existing 1,000 Gallon Poly tank and demolish an existing concrete pad;
- Grade and compact to pour an approx. 19 ft diameter x 3 ft wide x 4 ft deep concrete ring foundation;
- Excavate a 2 ft x 2 ft wide x 100 ft long trench for 2-in. distribution and conveyance pipes to carry the water from the tank to the new precast building;
- Continue 25 ft past the precast building and tie into existing distribution raw water pipes;
- Between the precast building and an infiltration ditch, excavate a 2 ft x 2 ft x 50 ft long trench and install a 3-in. waste pipe;
- Erect/assemble steel panels to complete the exterior structure of the 17 ft tall x 19 ft diameter 20,000-gallon steel water storage tank; and
- Excavate for approx. 30 1 ft. x 1 ft x 3 ft deep round concrete fence post footings to install 215 ft of 8-ft tall chain link fence with a 4 ft wide personnel gate.

For the New Precast Structure:

- Excavate approx. 200 square feet to an 8-in. depth to demolish an existing pad;
- Excavate two (2) areas 18-in. wide x 12 ft long x 2 feet deep to pour two (2) concrete strip footings;
- Excavate approx. 80 square feet to 8-in. deep to pour a 6-in. concrete pad; and
- Install the 120 sq.ft. precast concrete structure.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 2 & 4

Section: 15301, 15302 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, 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; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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