

District Project # 730-335-20260414
CEQA # 14512



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
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Angels Branch Fuel Reduction

LOCATION: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to undertake target fuel reduction and vegetation management activities in the Angels Branch and Western Gulch areas located north and west of Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to reduce the wildfire risk to the park and its historic resources. The following work will occur:

In the Angels Branch Area:

- Clear brush and understory along 1,000 feet of track;
- Maintain a 10-foot defensible space along the same tracks; and
- Prune low branches and remove dead wood/trees adjacent to the tracks.

In the Western Gulch Area:

- Remove accumulated debris and invasive species and selectively thin vegetation to reduce ladder fuels along a 400-foot alignment.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1 & 4 *Section:* 15301 & 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 and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is listed as “Resource management projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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