

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION**

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Project Title

The Draft Management Plan for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CDF) Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites Project

Lead Agency

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)

Location

CDF Facilities Statewide

Project Description

The project consists of approval of the Draft Management Plan for CDF's Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites (Plan). The Plan proposes to protect and manage the CDF's significant heritage resources, which include both historic buildings and known prehistoric and historic archaeological sites located on lands owned or managed by CDF. The Plan identifies 86 historically significant CDF buildings, and proposes a list of 29 of these buildings for preservation. The criteria for selection of buildings to be preserved were formulated by CDF during the course of plan development, and are consistent with the Department's long-term goals for historical resource protection. 78 of the 86 CDF historic buildings have been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). The remaining eight (8) CDF historic buildings were inventoried, but formal eligibility for listing in the NRHP and the CRHR has yet to be determined.

The Plan also includes management and preservation strategies for 166 known archaeological sites located on lands owned or managed by CDF. The Plan contains descriptions of these sites and details on management measures. Overall, the Plan would require CDF to continue its current archaeological sites procedures. However, there are a few known sites which are located in roadbeds, and are continuously impacted through usage. There are also some instances where complete avoidance is not possible, such as fire station construction, and in those cases, excavation is done where feasible. These actions have been, and will continue to be covered by a project-level analysis for each individual capital outlay improvement activity pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Plan provides information, direction, management options and review procedures for CDF's heritage resources to ensure that they will be given full consideration in all of CDF's land use and capital outlay decisions. The Plan specifies that, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), CDF will review the Plan in the year 2010, and every ten years thereafter. This process will enable CDF to update the Plan and make changes that may become necessary over time.

Findings of Exemption

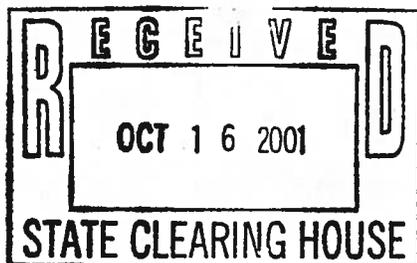
There is no evidence before the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) that implementation of this project will have potential for an adverse effect on wildlife resources. This finding is supported by the fact that the Project is focused on the management by CDF of its historical and archaeological resources, and as such, no significant effects on biological resources were identified in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Certification

I hereby certify that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code.

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Date