



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954-001

PROJECT TITLE: Marsh Creek Archeological Project

LOCATION: Marsh Creek State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct a subsurface investigation in Marsh Creek SHP, to (1) determine the presence, absence and relative density of archaeological remains, (2) reconstruct the history of landscape changes, (3) evaluate the potential for buried archaeological deposits, and (4) offer recommendations for the avoidance and long term management of archaeological resources located. Work will:

- Excavate three trenches each 16' long by 3' wide by 5' in depth. The existing ranch access roads and trails will be utilized for the excavation equipment access route to the degree feasible;
- Use a hydraulic push, power auger/coring machine to bore up to 23 test holes 2" in diameter by up to 15' in depth.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 & 6

Section: 15304 & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, included as "archeological investigations by Departmental staff", in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4

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