

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Service Center
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Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT TITLE: Geotechnical Testing for Cabin Installation

LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Perform geotechnical soil testing at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to determine subsurface soil conditions in preparation for installation of cabins. Work will use a backhoe or excavator to dig four (4) test pits up to 10 feet deep and one (1) "soil profile" test pit within the proposed new leach field. An 8" hollow-stem auger will be used to drill three (3) percolation boreholes within the area of the proposed leach field.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption Classes: 4 & 6 Sections: 15304 & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, included as "Soil and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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