

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Geotechnical Investigation for New Maintenance Facility at Aubell Office

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project examines soil profiles, ground water levels, and clay content at the Aubell office site on Elk Valley Road in Crescent City at Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. Preliminary information about subsurface conditions will help identify potential geotechnical issues for a proposed facility, plan for onsite waste water disposal, and update cost estimates for construction. The proposed maintenance facility will be subject to separate CEQA and NEPA review. One boring will be drilled to 20-30 feet using a truck-mounted drill at each of two sites. Four holes will be drilled at each site to a depth of 2 1/2 feet beneath the existing grade to conduct a total of 8 percolation tests. Eight borings will be drilled with a truck-mounted drill rig using hollow stem augers to a depth of up to 20 feet or until essential refusal, whichever occurs first. Top soil will be salvaged to replace on the sites. Excavations, evaluation, and returning the sites to the pre-existing condition will be completed within six hours from the start of the project. All areas are on relatively flat terrain with no potential for sediment transport. Vegetation is primarily exotic grasses in open fields that were historically grazed by cattle. There are no live trees within fifty feet of the excavation sites. The excavations will be monitored for potential cultural resources by a DPR-qualified archeologist.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 6, 4      Section: 15306, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and basic data collection and resource evaluation activities, which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included as "soils and structural engineering tests" and "percolation tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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