



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bull Creek Subsurface Investigation

**LOCATION:** Humboldt Redwoods State Park    **COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct preliminary subsurface investigation required for development of a larger project to restore riparian and stream function to the lower 9 miles of Bull Creek, including the Rockefeller Forest reach in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. The objectives of the proposed investigation are to characterize subsurface conditions of soil and ground water levels. Contract services and/or DPR staff and equipment will install shallow observation wells (<3 inches in diameter) in previously disturbed locations adjacent to Bull Creek. Shallow wells will be installed by either digging a small trench (<12 feet long by 3 feet wide) and placing plastic well casings, or driving metal well casings (<3 inches in diameter), depending on costs and site sensitivity. Depths for trenches will be limited to the disturbed deposits (fill) overlaying native alluvium; we anticipate the maximum depth of disturbed fill to be less than 12 feet. Trenches will be excavated following OSHA guidelines. Contract services will drill deep observation wells (< 5 inches in diameter) and characterize subsurface materials including depth to bedrock or competent layer. Observation wells will be no deeper that 45 feet below the current thalweg elevation, or to bedrock, which ever comes first. These wells will be located at road side sites in the Rockefeller Forest. All work shall be conducted in accordance with conditions and constraints developed for protection of cultural and natural resources in the project vicinity.

**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    Section: 15306*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource and is part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved or adopted. These activities are included as "information collection" on the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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