

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Geotechnical Investigation for Water System Repairs

LOCATION: San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Conduct geotechnical investigation to determine foundation material properties and extent of fill material at the San Luis Creek chlorinator building in San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, in anticipation of proposed replacement of the chlorinator building and water tanks at the San Luis Creek use area. The purpose of the borings will be to observe and sample the near-surface soil conditions.

Three soil borings will be advanced adjacent to the existing chlorinator building, and one test boring will be advanced adjacent to the existing water tanks. All activities will occur on paved and/or graveled parking surfaces. The investigation is planned for the dry season (late spring or early summer). The proposed drill equipment is a CME Mobil drill rig equipped with solid-flight augers. Boring depths will likely range from 20 to 35 feet, with one proposed to 45 feet deep, based on conditions encountered (base of fill, bedrock, etc). The diameter of the borings will be 8 inches. Representative soil samples will be collected for laboratory testing. All project activities will be conducted in accordance with Merced County Division of Environmental Health drilling permit requirements, including but not limited to backfilling borings on completion (this may require grouting with a cement-bentonite slurry). If mud rotary drilling methods are used, the Contractor will contain all drilling fluids and cuttings for disposal off site at an approved facility, and will provide a Spill Prevention Plan for DPR-approval prior to commencement of project activities.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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