

## Department of Parks and Recreation

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research  
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation  
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PROJECT TITLE: Conduct Well Tests

LOCATION: Mendocino Woodlands State Park

COUNTY: Mendocino County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct flow tests on two existing well holes to determine if the wells produce enough water to be used as new reliable water sources at Mendocino Woodlands State Park.

Clean both wells for test pumping by swabbing the inside of each well casing to remove sediment and by removing excess water in the well from the initial drilling and pumping process. Pump wells for a constant twenty-four hour period using electrical pumps installed in the well holes and power generators with noise-reducing features. Each well could produce up to 600 gallons of water per hour during the test. Convey any water that is produced through a hose, series of irrigation valves, and a sprinkler system so that the water is sprinkled in a uniform pattern across the forest floor. Collect test samples of the water for analysis by a certified laboratory.

Best Management Practices will be used during well testing activities to control any sediment runoff. Remove and dispose of any sediment and debris produced by well testing off site at an approved disposal facility. Access well sites by existing park roads and sprinkler sites on foot. Re-cap well holes when work is completed at each site.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center

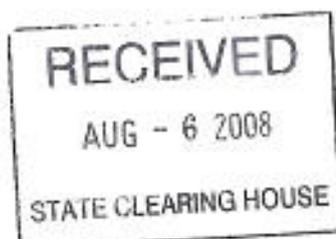
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      Class: 4, 6      Section: 15304, 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of basic data collection, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or 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; consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. These activities are included as "baseline monitoring" on the Department of Parks and Recreation List of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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