

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** Monitoring Wells Installation

**LOCATION:** Calaveras Big Trees State Park

**COUNTY:** Calaveras

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install 2 new monitoring wells in two separate locations at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to conduct quarterly groundwater testing required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. At each location, work will remove brush; excavate two 50' X 50' (2500 cubic feet) areas for a semi-level grade for the drill rig; and drill to a maximum depth of 75', up to four holes may be drilled; at location 2, work will also remove two 10" diameter trees. Once the new wells are in place, the existing wells will be abandoned by removing the hardware and fillings the holes with sealing material in accordance with Section 24400 of the California Health and Safety Code.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

Class: 3 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; and minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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