



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Malibu Creek State Park USGS/ Debris-Flow Warning Project

LOCATION: Malibu Creek State Park

COUNTY: Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The proposed project is part of a large effort, and is designed to act as an early warning system for flash flooding and debris-flow on recently burned areas in Southern California. The project will be located within Malibu Creek State Park off of Piuma Road. The project involves installation of instruments to monitor rainfall/runoff conditions. The instruments include a data logger and satellite modem to collect data from 5 cm long soil moisture probes which will be inserted by hand into the ground. The data logger along with a rain gauge will be mounted on a 1/5/8" post anchored to the ground. This will require ground excavation approximately 12" deep and 8" in diameter. The assembly will also include installation of a time-lapse camera and anemometer. Additionally, overland flow sensors and sediment traps will be placed on the ground surface. The project will involve a right of entry permit from California State Park.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 5 and 6 Section(s): 15305 & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.

A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources. An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.

Project will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. (class 6)

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