

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: Storm Damaged Pond Dams Geotechnical Investigations

LOCATION: Pacheco State Park

COUNTY: Merced County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct geotechnical investigations at two storm damaged pond dams (Pig Pond and Bear Hide Lake) at Pacheco State Park to restore the dams back to pre-disaster conditions. Work will use a truck-mounted drill rig to auger three (3) 6' diameter X 40' deep holes to obtain soil and native rock samples; record the soil conditions; and backfill borings with excavated material.

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: 4, 6                      Section: 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and basic data collection which does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, included as "Soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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