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State of California – The Resources Agency
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
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Geotechnical Testing for Bill Wallace Trail Repairs

LOCATION: El Capitan State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks is designing a FEMA-funded project to repair the storm-damaged trail. The project will include repairing/replacing damaged culverts, repairing slope failures and erosion features, and possibly installing an arched culvert or conventional culvert at the El Capitan Creek washout location.The purpose of the geotechnical investigation will be to evaluate the subsurface conditions along the trail alignment and provide geotechnical recommendations for the project as presently proposed. Then investigation will include a geologic literature review, field exploration program, geotechnical laboratory testing, engineering analysis and report preparation.

The measures included may be acquired by contacting the project contact listed below.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 6 *Section:* 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the Project Evaluation From, then it is exempt under CEQA §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA § 15300.4 as defined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600 as:

- "Soils and structural engineering tests" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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