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State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Geotechnical Testing for El Capitan Creek Embankment Repairs

**LOCATION:** El Capitan State Beach

**COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This is a proposal to perform a geotechnical investigation for the proposed repair/replacement of existing "GeoWeb" retaining walls along El Capitan Creek at El Capitan State Beach in Santa Barbara County, California. State Parks plans to repair the embankment failures at the two locations to continue to protect the road and an existing waterline within the roadway. The purpose of the proposed geotechnical investigation will be to evaluate the subsurface conditions at the current and proposed lift station sites and provide geotechnical recommendations for the project as presently proposed. The geotechnical investigation will include a 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 Form, 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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