



**State of California – Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: California State Parks
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PROJECT TITLE: [Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park](#), Blair Lake Geotechnical Investigation

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

COUNTY: Nevada County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct geotechnical investigations to characterize the subsurface conditions within the embankment along the southern perimeter of Blair Lake, within Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. Nested Vibrating Wire Piezometers (VWPs) will be installed in the borings to measure pore pressure within the embankment. Work includes:

- Conduct exploratory boring at two (2) sites within the embankment along Blair Lake
 - Use a track mounted drilling rig to advance two (2) 8-inch diameter mud rotary boreholes up to depths of 60-feet below the existing ground surface;
 - Soil cuttings will be disposed of off-site by a licensed waste disposal firm;
 - Install two (2) nested VWPs at various depths in each of the two (2) borings;
 - Install a flush-mount, traffic-rated utility vaults at each of the boring sites, at ground level.

Work will not adversely affect natural or cultural resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: Department of Parks and Recreation

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 and 6

Section: 15304 and 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and consist of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and is listed as “soils and engineering tests” and “Percolation tests” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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