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Project ID #635-20-014

State of California – The Natural Resource 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
P.O. Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Smithe Grove UST Site Investigation

LOCATION: Smithe Redwoods State Natural Reserve
(https://www.google.com/maps/SmitheRedwoodsStateNaturalReserve)

COUNTY: Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct a site characterization near a removed leaking underground storage tank (UST) at Smithe Grove Redwoods State Natural Reserve, which is being addressed under the California Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy. Site characterization includes field data collection for soil, groundwater, and surface water that follows the Site Investigation Work Plan prepared in May 2017 for the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board by consultant, Amec Foster Wheeler. Ground disturbance would be associated with up to 7 soil borings that will be up to 20 feet below ground surface. All information will be used to develop a report of the estimated extent of subsurface petroleum hydrocarbons.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 4 and 6 *Section:* 15304 and 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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