



**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  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Entry Road Bridge Replacement – Geotech Investigation

**LOCATION:** Van Damme State Park      **COUNTY:** Mendocino

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct geotechnical investigations in the location of a new proposed bridge over the Little River in Van Damme State Park to identify soil conditions and help guide future construction of the proposed bridge. Prior to commencement of drilling, plastic sheeting and straw wattles will be placed to contain cutting and fluid from entering Little River. Work will utilize a truck-mounted drill, equipped with 4-inch to 6-inch solid flight or hollow-stem augers to drill to groundwater depth and then change to mud rotary to drill two (2) exploratory borings (1 per site) up to 75 feet deep in the vicinity of the proposed bridge abutments. If bedrock is encountered, rock coring will be performed in a similar manner as mud rotary drilling methods.

Solid auger cuttings will be contained in 55-gallon drums either during or immediately after drilling activities and mud rotary fluids and cuttings will be contained within a mud tank during drilling operations. After drilling completion, cuttings and drilling fluids will be pumped into 55-gallon drums for removal and disposal off-site. Boring holes will be back filled and capped.

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

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      *Class:* 4 & 6      *Section:* 15304 & 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and is 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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