

**State of California  
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  
12301 North Hwy 1  
Mendocino, CA 95460

**PROJECT TITLE:** Scripps Weather Station

**LOCATION:** Austin Creek State Recreation Area

**COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Issue of a right of entry permit and license agreement to UC San Diego, Scripps Institute of Oceanography to Austin Creek State Recreation Area to install, operate, repair, and maintain observation platforms and equipment installed for the purpose of providing valuable data for scientific climate evaluation.

All work conducted pursuant to this ROE and related project work will comply with all state and federal environmental laws, including but not limited to CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resource Code, and conditions specified by this ROE and other permitting agencies.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sonoma Mendocino Coast District


**EXEMPT STATUS:**

X Categorical Exemption      Class: 5      Sections: 15305

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% that does not result in any changes in land use or density and is included as "issuance of rights of way" and "issuance of permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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