

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Visitor Center Parking Lot

LOCATION: [Calaveras Big Trees State Park](#)

COUNTY: Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks proposes to conduct soil tests at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to create a geotechnical report to determine the feasibility of expanding an existing parking lot. Work will use a track-mounted drill rig equipped with hollow stem or solid-flight augers, to drill up to five (5) exploratory borings within the area of the proposed expansion. Borings will range from 5-ft to 10-ft deep and representative soil samples will be recorded for future analysis. Borings will be backfilled with the excavated material and any excess drill fluids and/or cuttings will be contained in 55-gallon drums and disposed of at a licensed disposal facility.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4 & 6 Section: 15301, 15304, & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources; and basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource 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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