



State of California – The Resources 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  
2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**PROJECT TITLE:** Stabilization Phase 3 – Hand Auger Investigation

**LOCATION:** Marsh Creek State Park

**COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project will conduct geotechnical investigations in and around the historic John Marsh Home at Marsh Creek State Park to identify the soil conditions in and around the building. Proposed work will:

- Use a hand auger to complete four (4), 3-inch diameter by no more than 36-inch deep borings;
- Perform two (2) hand-operated dynamic cone penetrometer (DCP) soundings adjacent to the hand-auger boring locations to evaluate in-situ soil density and consistency (down to depths of 10 feet);
- Visually inspect representative samples from the hand-augered holes in the field and obtain samples for subsequent geotechnical laboratory testing; and
- Backfill the hand-auger borings with excavated soils or imported clean sand.

**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: 1, 4 & 6      Section: 15301, 15304 & 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of operation, repair, and maintenance of minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and 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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