



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:** Federation Grove Parking Lot – Geotech Investigation

**LOCATION:** Humboldt Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Perform exploratory boring adjacent to the parking lot at Federation Grove in Humboldt Redwoods State Park to establish soil conditions for the purpose of expanding the existing parking lot. Work will use a truck-mounted drill, equipped with hollow-stem augers and/or solid stem rotary drilling equipment to drill up to four (4) exploratory borings in the vicinity of the existing parking lot pavement. Borings will range up to 40-ft in depth with representative soil samples recorded for future analysis. Borings will be back filled with neat cement grout and excess drill fluids and cuttings from the mud-rotary boring (if used) 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:** Northern Service Center

**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 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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