



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:** Leffingwell Boat Launch Repair – Geotech Investigation

**LOCATION:** Hearst San Simeon State Park      **COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Perform exploratory boring adjacent to, and within an existing concrete boat ramp in Hearst San Simeon State Park that has been undermined and damaged by the late winter storms of 2023. Findings from the tests will guide the future reconstruction and stabilization of the boat ramp. Adjacent to the ramp, work will use dynamic cone penetrator to probe two (2) holes down to 5-ft deep. An additional three (3) concrete core samples could be taken within the footprint of the concrete boat ramp. A small representative soil sample will be recorded for future analysis and the hand-augured holes will be backfilled with excavated soils. Concrete coring holes will be back filled with a slurry mix.

**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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