

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation One Capitol Mall, Suite 410 Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bus Maintenance Facility Remodel & Addition – Geotech Investigation

**LOCATION:** Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument **COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct geotechnical investigations at the bus maintenance facility at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument to identify soil conditions underneath existing asphalt to help guide future remodeling and installation of additional facilities at this site. Work will use a truck-mounted drill, equipped with hollow-stem augers and/or solid flight augers to drill up to five (5) exploratory borings, up to 30-ft in depth, in the vicinity of the existing parking lot and adjacent to the existing maintenance facility. Representative soil samples will be recorded for future analysis and the borings will be back-filled with the cuttings and, if in paved areas, capped with cold patch asphalt concrete.

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 "Resource management projects" and "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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