



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 St, Ste 200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**PROJECT TITLE:** Reservoir #3 Replacement and Pipeline – Geotechnical Investigation

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct geotechnical investigations and utility location services around the existing Reservoir #3 water tank and between the tank and the visitor center at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument to guide placement of new water tanks and the installation of a new waterline connection between the new tanks and the visitor center. Work will use a truck-mounted drill, equipped with hollow-stem augers and/or solid flight augers to drill three (3) exploratory borings, up to 50-ft in depth, in the vicinity of the existing water tank. An additional 10 test pits, up to 9 ft deep will be dug to locate the existing water pipeline alignment. Representative soil samples will be recorded for future analysis and the borings will be backfilled with the cuttings.

**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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