



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: Geotechnical Investigation – Fire Recovery

LOCATION: Austin Creek State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct geotechnical investigations at Austin Creek State Recreation Area to identify soil conditions at potential building locations to guide the work of constructing and/or replacing features the were damaged by wildfires. Work will use a truck-mounted drill, equipped with hollow-stem and/or solid flight augers to drill up to four (4) exploratory borings at four (4) different sites (up to 16 borings total). Each boring will range from 10-ft to 30-ft in depth, with representative soil samples recorded for future analysis. Borings will be back filled with excavated materials or neat cement grout and excess materials from the borings will be dispersed on-site as directed by District staff.

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:* 6 *Section:* 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project 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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