



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
North Coast Redwoods District
PO Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: New Well Installation

LOCATION: Sue-meg State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to explore for a new well location within Sue-meg State Park to provide a reliable source of water for the park and allow park staff and visitors to stop relying on Penn Creek, during the busy peak season, for drinking water.

A commercial well drilling company will conduct all drilling and well installation. Drilling will take place at up to two (2) sites. A pilot hole will be drilled at Well Site #1, and if a reliable source of water is found, this site will be developed and there will be no more drilling. If no reliable source of water is found at Site #1, then a pilot hole will be drilled at Well Site #2 to check for water and if a reliable water source is found, Site #2 will be developed.

Work will use a drill rig with a 10-in. diameter well casing and the drilling will not exceed 350 ft. deep at either location. Crews will pour an approx. 6 ft. by 6 ft., and 6 in. thick concrete slab at the ground surface around the well casing and erect a small, approx. 9-ft. high, wooden structure on the slab to cover the well.

If water is found at one of the two (2) proposed well sites, work will also include excavation of a 24 in. deep by 16 in. wide trench and installation of new utility lines. If well site #2 is developed, the section of utility trench that passes under Patrick’s Point Drive will be directionally bored by a contract. Spoils will be used for backfilling the new open trench after the utility lines have been installed. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be used to control possible off-site movement of the drilling slurry.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District


EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond current levels; Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees.

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Victor Bjelajac 3/26/2025
District Superintendent DATE
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