CEQA # 14301

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
2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Irvine Finch Campground - Geotech

LOCATION: Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park **COUNTY:** Butte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to conduct geotechnical investigations in the Irvine Finch Campground at Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park to identify soil conditions in locations where future campsites, restrooms and additional support facilities are proposed for construction. Work will use a truck-mounted drill rig to excavate up to twelve (12) 4-8 in. diameter by up to 30-ft deep borings. Drill cuttings will be spread on the surface, in the vicinity of the borings and there will be minor surface disturbance in drive path and working space areas.

In addition to the borings, geoarchaeological investigations will be conducted utilizing a tractor-mounted backhoe to excavate 3-ft wide by 9-ft long by up to 10-ft deep exploratory trenches.

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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