



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Austin Creek State Recreation Area Accessibility Improvements – Geotech Investigation

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 facilities in the Day Use and Campground areas of the park for accessibility purposes. Work will use a truck-mounted drill, equipped with hollow-stem and/or solid flight augers to complete the following:

In the area of the proposed new restroom and overlook:

- Drill two (2), 6-inch diameter by 15-foot-deep borings within the proposed restroom location;
- Drill five (5) 6-inch diameter by 15-foot-deep borings within areas proposed for new pavement; and
- Perform three (3) percolation tests in shallow boreholes in the area of a proposed new leach field.

In the area of an existing leach field:

- Machine excavate 6-8 exploratory test pits, and hand excavate 15 test pits; and
- Drill one (1) 6-inch diameter by 15-foot-deep boring.

Relative samples will be obtained from the borings, the borings will be logged in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (UCSC) and back filled with excavated materials.

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” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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