



**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: Day Use and Campground - Geotech

LOCATION: George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct geotechnical investigations at George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area to identify soil conditions for completion of improvements and upgrades in the Day Use and Campground areas of the park to provide improved facilities for park visitors. Work will use a truck-mounted drill, equipped with hollow-stem and/or solid flight augers to complete seven (7) geotechnical borings ranging from 5 – 7.5 inches in diameter and 5 to 15-feet deep. 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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