



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  
Diablo Range District  
15751 Tesla Road  
Livermore, CA 94550

**PROJECT TITLE:** McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Albany Plateau Gamma Survey

**LOCATION:** McLaughlin Eastshore State Park State Seashore      **COUNTY:** Alameda

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project proposes sub-surface investigations at McLaughlin Eastshore State Park State Seashore to determine if historical waste disposal at the Albany Plateau poses a present-day risk to visitors or the environment. This investigation will be achieved by a contractor using a phased, data-driven approach. The contractor will:

Use the Orion Scan Plot<sup>SM</sup> system to scan for gamma activity to identify and map identified areas within a 35-acre investigation area;

Use hand tools to collect up to twelve (12) soil samples from the top 6-inches of soil or from hand-excavated "test pits";

Collect groundwater samples from a minimum of three (3) locations (two (2) perimeter samples and one (1) hotspot sample) to assess groundwater quality; and

Report all findings and results to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Range District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption    *Class:* 6                      *Section:* 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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