

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Issue Lease for USGS Seismic Monitoring Station

LOCATION: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

COUNTY: El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Issue a Lease (10-year) to the United States Geologic Service for a seismic monitoring station to be installed on State land at the Peninsula portion of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area in order to provide continuous seismic data to the CA Earthquake Early Warning System (CEEWS) and ShakeAlert, designed to potentially save thousands of lives during a large earthquake, prevent critical infrastructure damage, and expedite recovery following a large earthquake. All work will be done in previously disturbed ground. Installation of the new infrastructure is expected to take 2 days, and the installation of all related seismic instrumentation is expected to take 1 day. The site is expected to remain operational indefinitely.

All work associated with this lease will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and be coordinated with the Gold Field District's staff as identified in the Lease Permit.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 5


Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% , which do not result in any changes in land use or density, included as "issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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