



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Santa Cruz District  
303 Big Trees Park Road  
Felton, CA 95018

**PROJECT TITLE:** Cascade Water Reconnection

**LOCATION:** Año Nuevo State Park

**COUNTY:** San Mateo

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Re-establish the water connection from the Cascade Creek dam to the Cascade water treatment facility in Año Nuevo State Park to provide water for the Cascade Ranch complex. Work will:

- Use mechanical and hand tools to excavate a 1,800' long x 6" wide x 18" deep trench;
- Install 2,000' of 2" diameter black high-density polyethylene pipe and cover with excavated soils;
- Reconstruct a 14' 6" long x 6' wide redwood puncheon; and
- Use hand tools to clear accumulated debris from the reservoir prior to the waterline reconnection.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Santa Cruz District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 2, & 4

Section: 15301, 15302, & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and/or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and/or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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Santa Cruz District

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