



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: Backcountry Gate Removal

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove unnecessary fire road gates to improve park aesthetic, visitor experience, and emergency responder access, in the backcountry of Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Some gates are still in usable order, two (2) of which will be reused on Tan Bark Loop between Big Basin Redwoods State Park and sub-unit Little Basin. Work Will:

- Excavate sixteen (16) post holes 1.5'x3' to remove eight (8) backcountry gates;
- Excavate four (4) post holes 1.5'x5' on Tan Bark Loop;
- Pour concrete and secure four (4) gate posts; and
- Install two (2) reused gates.

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, 3, & 4 Section: 15301, 15303, & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public and private structures involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that will not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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