



**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:** ACE lease for Saddle Mountain Property

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The District seeks to approve a lease agreement with the American Conservation Experience (ACE) for use of the Saddle Mountain property to house ACE work crew personnel. The property will be used solely for the purpose of providing a residential labor camp to provide labor on projects including but not limited to, trail building, resource management, structural restoration, park maintenance and construction projects.

**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

Section: 15301

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The project consists of issuance of a lease of public or private structures, facilities involving negligible or no expansion beyond current use.

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