



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**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:** Picnic Lot#1 Leach Field Improvement

**LOCATION:** [Henry Cowell Redwood State Park](#) **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install additional leach field for picnic septic system in anticipation of heavier than normal use of the Lot #3 picnic area. Trenching will occur a minimum of 10ft from base of nearby bay trees. Two (2) bay trees will be removed prior to excavation. Avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented in conjunction with DPR resource specialists project constraints. Work will:

- Excavate two (2) parallel trenches approximately 50ft long, 3ft wide, and 5ft deep;
- Backfill trenches to correct drainage height with drain rock and install perforated drain pipes;
- Install connection pipe from current leach line and isolation valves with access via Christie boxes;
- Backfill trenches with additional drain rock and reserved excavation spoils; and
- Broadcast any remaining spoils around worksite to no greater than 4in in depth and cover with forest duff.

**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:* 3

*Section:* 15303

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and is included as “a sewage utility extension” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.5

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