



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: Bickford Weather Station

LOCATION: Año Nuevo State Park

COUNTY: San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will install a weather station adjacent to the Bickford House in Año Nuevo State Park to allow University of California Santa Cruz researchers and Parks natural resource staff to accurately record weather in the neighboring Año Nuevo Coast Natural Preserve. Work will:

- Excavate to pour an approximately 3-feet by 3-feet by 8-inch-deep concrete slab (with 4 to 5-inches below grade)
- Use a fence post driver to install three (3) T-posts around the perimeter of the concrete slab and;
- Erect and secure a 10-meter-tall weather station tower to the concrete base and attach a guy line from the tower to each of the three (3) T-posts.

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 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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