



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: Cannabis Access Removal

LOCATION: Castle Rock State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project involves the removal of unauthorized accessways, strengthening of gate infrastructure, and shaded fuel break construction in the upper San Lorenzo watershed in Castle Rock State Park to curb unauthorized cannabis cultivation. Work will utilize Proposition 64 funding which provides for “cleanup, remediation, and restoration of environmental damage in watersheds affected by marijuana cultivation”. Work will:

- Excavate 2.5 cubic yards to secure two (2) 6-inch posts in concrete and install a steel gate;
- Replace two (2) wooden vehicle bridges (SCH No. 2016128009);
- Create approximately 30.6 acres of shaded fuel breaks along service roads and trails; and
- Remove an abandoned roadway by excavating approximately 1418 cubic yards of fill material, placing the excavated material into the road cut, compacting the fill and regrading to slope.

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 repair or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as “Construction or installation of park facilities, such as fencing and gates”, “resource management projects”, and “trail removal” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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