



## 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:** Back Up Generator – Mountain Parks Foundation (MPF)

**LOCATION:** Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install a back-up generator and transfer switch behind the Visitor Center building at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to supply power to the building during power outages. Power outages have increased in frequency and duration and this generator will support the operation of facilities that serve park visitors. Work will:

- Construct one (1) 4' x 6' wooden frame;
- Fill wood frame with gravel;
- Place a 20kW generator on top of the gravel pad;
- Use a ¾ inch above ground galvanized pipe to connect the generator to an existing propane tank; and
- Install a 200-amp automatic transfer switch alongside the existing electrical box.

**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

*Section:* 15301 & 15303

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion beyond current use, included as “utility repairs and minor upgrades” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

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