



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: Rio del Mar Living Shoreline

LOCATION: Seacliff State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Construct a living shoreline adaptive structure at Rio del Mar State Beach, a subunit of Seacliff State Beach to provide short term coastal protection for public facilities. The living shoreline is a nature-based design created from driftwood, natural fiber rope, cobbles, sand, and native plants. Work will:

- Collect and place driftwood material at the back of the beach;
- Excavate approximately 12 inches deep, if needed, to secure driftwood in sand;
- Secure driftwood material together with fiber rope as needed;
- Excavate approximately 3000 cubic yards of sand from the summer berm at Rio del Mar State Beach and cover the driftwood material to create manmade dunes;
- Place approximately 780 cubic yards of rounded cobbles on the oceanward side of the newly created dunes; and
- Plant native plants on the top of the dunes system.

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, 4 & 33

Section: 15301, 15304 & 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public or private facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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