



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: Truck Trail Fuel Break

LOCATION: Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Reduce vegetation fuel loads and maintain vegetation clearances along the Truck Trail corridor in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to increase ability for fire suppression personnel to control a wildfire. Hand crews and mechanical equipment will work within 500-feet of either side of the truck trail as conditions allow. Project will:

- Remove and/or break up concentrations of dead surface fuels;
- Limb up trees to limit ladder fuels;
- Remove redwoods 12-inches or less in diameter at breast height to achieve forest thinning;
- Remove other tree species to meet a 10 to 20-foot spacing and remove some brush cover to lower brush density; and
- Pile and stored cut materials for burn piles and/or burning in a curtain burner.

All burn and smoke permits will be approved prior to ignitions. Work will be conducted under supervision of State Archaeologist to establish avoidance areas as needed. A qualified staff member will conduct a nesting bird survey and establish avoidance areas if work is conducted within nesting bird season.

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

Section: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consist of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, 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 except for forestry or agricultural purposes and is included as “resource management projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§15300.4.

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