



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: Six Pack Acquisition

LOCATION: Castle Rock State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Acquire approximately 222-acres of predominately undeveloped forest land to be added to Castle Rock State Park to support the expansion of the park, improve visitor services, reduce boundary management costs, improve and extend park trails, improve wildlife migration corridors and movement potential within the habitat area, and preserve redwoods and forested lands. Six (6) of the properties, APN's 087-021-12, 087-021-16, 087-021-26, 087-021-28, 087-031-14, and 087-031-15, totaling 198-acres, contain trails and unimproved roads but remain largely undeveloped.

A 33-acre property, known as the Whalen Property, APN 088-081-12, currently acts as the entrance to Castle Rock State Park. The parcel was purchased by Sempervirens Fund expressly to be a new entrance for Castle Rock State Park and presently contains a park entrance with facilities that include a 90-car parking lot, restrooms, amphitheater, water fountains, new trails, trailheads, and interpretive facilities.

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: 16

Section: 15316

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park.

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