



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: Norabella Property Acquisition

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Acquire approximately 154 acres of undeveloped forest land, APN 086-082-18, to be included into Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The property is primarily second growth redwood, Douglas fir, and other hardwoods following low to moderate intensity burning at the location during the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fires. Acquisition of the property will support publicly owned land that safeguard coastal redwoods, wildlife habitat, creeks and waterfalls, cultural and natural resources, and provide recreational opportunities for the park.

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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