



## 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:** North Peak Access Road Emergency Maintenance

**LOCATION:** Montara State Beach

**COUNTY:** San Mateo

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Repair and restore North Peak/Montara Mt. Road from Highway 1 to Montara Peak, passing through Montara State Beach, to restore access to a primary critical communication infrastructure site serving San Mateo County.

Proposed work will:

- Remove hazard trees (i.e. dead or diseased) and trees impeding roadway;
- Brush and trim along the existing road alignment to a width that will allow access by Type 3 engine apparatus;
- Smooth the exposed road bedrock to allow for smoother vehicle travel; and
- Level the road surface with adjacent berms and grade to reroute water off roadway where appropriate.

**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, 2 & 4

*Section:* 15301, 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of operation, repair, and maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as “trail or road repairs” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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