



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: Portola Redwoods Maintenance Shop Infiltrator System

LOCATION: Portola Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install a new septic system to service the maintenance building at Portola Redwoods State Park to provide park employees with working restroom facilities. The existing, inoperable, septic system will be abandoned in place, and on the northeast side of the maintenance shop, work will:

- Remove an existing, non-functioning, water heater shed;
- Excavate an approx. 12-ft x 8-ft x 8-ft pit for the new tank and trench for inlet search to be connected by new pipe to building (approx. 667 cubic feet of soil);
- Install 3-4 inches of sand in the bottom of the pit;
- Install an approx. 9-ft x 5-ft x 4.5-ft (1,000 gallon) fiberglass septic tank;
- Attach two (2) 18-inch-tall access extension to the tank to allow for tank cleaning;
- Excavate a 3-ft x 1.5-ft x 50-ft trench and install 12, 5-ft infiltrator chambers;
- Trench, as needed to install a new pipe connecting the septic tank and infiltrator chambers;
- Backfill all trenches and other excavations with a combination of sand and previously excavated soil; and
- Spread excess soil over site.

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 of minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as “utility repairs or minor upgrades” 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 as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity at 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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