



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: Cowell Day Use Furniture Repairs and Debris Removal

LOCATION: Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Perform removal, clean-up and repair activities in the Day Use area at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to reestablish recreation facilities and opportunities impacted by the 2023 winter storms. The proposed work is as follows:

- Replace fifteen (15) picnic tables displaced by floodwaters;
- Replace nine (9) barbecue grills;
- Repair, in-kind, six (6) redwood picnic tables damaged by fallen trees and tree limbs;
- Remove sediment deposited in area due to flooding and regrade the parking lot;
- Repair 100 lineal feet of split rail fencing; and
- Repair a damaged exterior electrical outlet.

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” and “Building (non-historical) or fence 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 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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