



## 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:** Año Nuevo Staging Area Upgrade

**LOCATION:** Año Nuevo State Park

**COUNTY:** San Mateo

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Complete upgrades at the Staging Area at Año Nuevo State Park to provide a park visitors with a larger area of shelter from inclement weather and allow for larger interpretative tours and talks. Work will:

- Remove and dispose of the old interpretive shelter and two (2) existing porta-johns;
- Remove three (3) pine trees, one (1) each 20-inch, 32-inch, and 38-inch;
- Excavate to level to place a new 468 sq. ft. interpretive shelter;
- Excavate to install a new precast concrete two-stall vault toilet;.
- Excavate an approx. 12-inch W x 24-inch D x 350-foot long trench to install a new gas line from an existing propane tank to the interpretive shelter;
- Build a new staging area on grade; and
- Increase vehicle turnaround area to meet current fire code.

**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, 3, & 4

*Section:* 15301, 15302, 15303, & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the 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 as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and structures and 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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