



### 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:** Wilder Ranch Mitigation by Owl Boxes

**LOCATION:** Wilder Ranch State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project consists of constructing and installing owl boxes at Wilder Ranch State Park to encourage natural predation for the control rodents to alleviate the need for rodenticides. State Parks staff and volunteers will:

- Construct six (6) 24-in. x 36-in. x 22-in. owl boxes;
- Excavate six (6), 9 cu. ft. post holes;
- Install 20-ft posts and backfill around posts with compressed earth and concrete; and
- Attach a 6-in. x 6-in. base to each pole and install owl boxes.

**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, 3 & 4

*Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, and is included as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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