

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
12301 North Hwy 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Solar Power at Willow Creek Fish Monitoring Telemetry Stations

LOCATION: Sonoma Coast State Park **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project will install solar panels to two (2) existing telemetry fish monitoring stations located along Willow Creek in Sonoma Coast State Park to provide electrical power for tracking the movement of tagged salmon and steelhead in Willow Creek. The solar power stations will be placed on either a graveled road shoulder or a gravel parking lot. Each solar panel measures six-feet by six-feet and will be supported by four (4), 4-inch by 4-inch wooden posts set in concrete.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3 & 4 Sections: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, 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 minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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