



**State of California – The Resources Agency
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
Santa Cruz District
303 Big Trees Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Automated Pay Machines

LOCATION: Año Nuevo State Park, Butano Redwoods State Park, Half Moon Bay State Beach, Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Natural Bridges State Beach, New Brighton State Beach, North Pescadero State Beach, Palm State Beach; Pomponio State Beach, Portola Redwoods State Park, Sunset State Beach and Venice State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Cruz and San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to install thirteen (13) Automated Pay Machines (APM) in eleven (11) State Beaches and Parks within the Santa Cruz District to provide park visitors with easier pay options and the ability to pay from their car prior to parking. At each chosen location, work will:

- Remove existing iron ranger pay tubes, where necessary;
- Excavate to pour a 3 ft x 3 ft x 6in. deep concrete slab, where necessary;
- Install one (1) APM and, if needed, two (2) steel safety bollards; and
- Where possible, connect to an existing power source at kiosk or other park facility.

Three (3) of the proposed new APMs will be powered by integrated solar panels and will not need to connect to electrical sources.

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:* 13501, 13503 & 13504

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 and is 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; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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