CEQA # 14136

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: Año Nuevo Solar Power

LOCATION: Año Nuevo State Park **COUNTY:** San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to install one (1) solar array and four (4) all-weather Tesla Powerwalls east of the fleet parking area in Ano Nuevo State Park to provide renewable, solar energy and battery backup to the Año Nuevo State Park office, Marine Education Center, water plant, Horse Barn, and tool shed. Work will:

- Remove one (1) Monterey Pine and two (2) Monterey Cypress;
- Embed screws in ground at a depth of 5-feet;
- Mount the solar array on the screw pile foundations;
- Mount the four (4) Powerwalls to an existing tool shed; and
- Excavate a 70-ft long, 18-24-in. trench from the solar array to the Powerwalls and install electrical conduit and wiring to connect services.

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 minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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