



**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:** Septic Feasibility Assessment

**LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project consists of soil investigation and percolation testing at Saddle Mountain and Norabella within Big Basin Redwoods State Park to assess for the feasibility of installing new septic systems. Work will include boring sixteen (16) locations. Soil assessment borings will be no more than 10-feet in depth and 6-inches in diameter. Percolation test borings will be no more than 6-feet in depth and 4-inches in diameter. After testing is complete the borings will be backfilled with native material from excavation.

**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:* 6                      *Section:* 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of basic data collection research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included as "Soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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