**CEQA # 14178**

**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:** Public Safety Office Leach Field Replacement

**LOCATION:** Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project consists of the installation of a new infiltrator septic system at the Public Safety Office in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to provide employees with a functioning restroom facility. On the south side of the Public Safety Office work will:

- Excavate two (2) forty-foot-long trenches, install stainless steel gopher wire mesh at the base of each trench and install an infiltrator system on top of the mesh;
- Excavate one (1) thirty-foot-long trench to install a PVC "T" connection and backwater valve; and
- Backfill the trenches with excavated soils.

**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, 2 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of operation, repair, and maintenance 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, 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; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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