



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:** Big Basin 1102 Circuit Underground Power Restoration

**LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project consists of granting a Right of Entry (ROE) and new easement and quitclaim existing land rights to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) at Big Basin Redwoods State Park for the installation of three (3) underground alignments as part of the fire recovery from the 2020 CZU Lightening Complex Fire. PG&E will:

**For the Big Basin 1102 UG3 HWY 236**

- Within the Highway 236 road prism and adjacent disturbed areas, replace existing overhead (OH) utility line with 2.15 miles of underground (UG) utility lines;
- Install 44 bore pits, 134 relief pits, twelve (12) #5 boxes, six (6) #6 boxes, one (1) retaining wall, one (1) #2 box, and two (2) pad-mounted transformers;
- Remove of six (6) trees and trim seventeen (17) trees, and
- Clear one (1) brush unit.

**For the Big Basin 1102 UG2 Campground**

- Within the existing footprint of Sky Meadow Road and adjacent disturbed areas, replace existing OH utility lines with 2.98 miles of UG utility lines;
- Install 58 bore pits; sixteen (16) #5 boxes, four (4) #3 boxes, three (3) #6 boxes, eight (8) pad-mounted transformers, and two (2) pad-mounted junction boxes;
- Remove twenty-six (26) trees and trim seventeen (17) trees; and
- Clear two (2) brush units.

**For the Big Basin 1102 UG4 BBSP Pumpstation**

- Within Hihn Hammond Road and adjacent disturbed areas, replace the existing OH utility line with 0.52 mile of UG utility lines;
- Install five (5) #5 boxes, one (1) pad-mounted junction box, and one (1) pad-mounted transformer; and
- Remove four (4) trees.

**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, & 5                      *Section:* 15301, 15303, 15304, & 15305

**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 number of new, small facilities or structures; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; and minor alterations in

land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density.

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