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CEQA # 14219
District Project # 635-15-020

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
North Coast Redwoods District
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Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Leach Field Infiltrator Upgrade – Day Use

LOCATION: Richardson Grove State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to replace the existing failing leach field in in the Day Use Area of Richardson Grove State Park to allow for the continued use of the area by the public. The leach field has continually failed over the last several years during busy holiday weekends, resulting in closure of the facilities so maintenance can perform extensive clean-up before re-opening. Work will:

- Remove by hand the existing grass/sod in 2-foot-wide strips and stockpile for future use;
- Use a mini excavator to excavate five (5) 60-ft long by 3-4-ft deep trenches and stockpile the spoils for future use;
- Install a new sewer infiltrator chambered leach field system; and
- Use the stockpiled soil to back fill over the system and relay the removed sod.

The existing septic tank will be left in place and the old leach field will either be left in place or replaced with the new infiltrator system during excavation. The project will avoid cutting roots greater than 2-in. in diameter and ground disturbing activities will maintain distances of at least 5x the diameter at breast height (DBH) around each tree located within the project vicinity to avoid impacts to the structural root zone. All proposed excavator work will be performed by park staff between September 1st and October 31st to adhere to county building code.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:
☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, 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 and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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