



**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: Mountain Sector Red Flag Signs

LOCATION: Henry Cowell Redwoods State Parks and Portola Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz/San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project consists of installing Red Flag warning signs at two (2) State Parks within the Mountain Sector of Santa Cruz District, for the purpose of having an official information system to warn the public of fire restrictions in the parks. For each sign, one (1) at the entrance to the campground loops in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park and one (1) in front of the entry kiosk at Portola Redwoods State Park, work will excavate a 2-ft deep hole, install a 4x4 redwood post (backfilling with excavated soils to secure), and mount the Red Flag warning signs to the posts. When the Red Flag warning signs are not needed, they will be covered with brown plywood.

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 operation, repair, and 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, included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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