



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
303 Big Trees Park Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Big Ranch Coastal Scrub Restoration and Trail Enhancement

LOCATION: Wilder Ranch State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Restore coastal scrub community on 6 acres of fallow coastal terrace field and upgrade tread and drainage features along three miles of the California Coastal Trail located in Wilder Ranch State Park to enhance natural resources. Work will:

- Till approximately 6-acre portion of a 110-acre fallow field to prepare for native planting;
- Plant native plant seeds in the prepared soil with hand crews and/or mechanical farm equipment along the periphery of the California Coast Trail, which runs along the bluff edge;
- Improve the California Coastal Trail as follows:
 - Install drainage lenses along road edge where necessary. Work includes removal of organic material and topsoil and installing drain rock and new tread surface;
 - Spread road base on the trail where necessary to improve drainage and road surface;
 - Excavate four holes, 6" wide and 36" deep, set four, 3" by 3" by 96" powder-coated aluminum post, and install two 24" x 36" interpretive panels 32" above the ground;
 - Excavate two holes approximately 1' wide and 2' deep and install wooden viewing bench adjacent to the interpretive panels.

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 & 11

Section: 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities, such as on-premise signs, and is included as "trail or road repairs", "resource management projects", "installation of interpretive panels" and "installation of public use facilities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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