



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

CEQA #10728

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: China Grade Prescribed Burn

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwood State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Implement the park and district-wide Prescribed Fire Management Plans to reduce the potential for and spread of wildfires at Big Basin SP and surrounding lands and re-establish natural vegetative seral stages, mosaics and fuel loadings, indicative of a natural fire regime. This project would specifically implement portions of the Prescribed Fire Management Plan for Big Basin Redwoods State Park to reduce fuel along designated control zones and burn those areas adjacent to these control zones where fuel imbalances are identified.

Work will entail forest thinning and hazard fuel reduction through prescribed burns on 1,310 acres of redwood forest habitat and burn mixed fuel types located near the northern boundary of the park, with China Grade and Hwy 236 serving as the northern and eastern control lines, consistent with the State Park Burn Plan Procedures.

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: 4

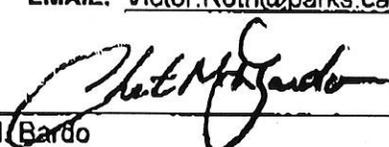
Section: 15304

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, included as "prescribed burns to restore native vegetation" and "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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