

CEQA # 11109

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
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 Tree park Road
Felton CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Berry Creek Falls Trail Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Reconstruct viewing deck at Berry Creek waterfall, replace safety fencing and steps and construct a new timber planked walkway over the existing Berry Creek Falls Trail located at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to improve visitor safety. Work will:

- Reutilize the concrete footings, posts and girders, and install new pressure treated floor joists, 2" x 10" x 8' surface decking lumber, 4" x 6" rail posts and 2" x 10" top rail to reconstruct the viewing deck;
- Utilize 4" x 4" redwood post and 3" x 4" dimensional lumber (as top rails) to replace approximately 445 linear feet of safety fencing;
- Utilize 4" x 6" redwood posts set on 5/8" x 3' re-bar or pipe, set approximately three foot into the ground for stabilization, to reconstruct 70 single-sided interlocking steps;
- Construct a new 48 linear feet timber planked walkway with 4" x 12" redwood single and double timber planking, 5/8" x 3' rebar set approximately three foot into the ground for stabilization and secure with 50D galvanized nails;
- Clear brush and perform trail tread maintenance on approximately 5810 linear feet of trail.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California State Parks

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

X Categorical Exemption
Class: 2, 3 & 4

Section: 15302, 15303, & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity of the structure being replaced; construction and location of new, small structures and; minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees included as "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR Sec. 15300.4

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