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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Visitor Center Seismic Upgrade

**LOCATION:** Richardson Grove State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Address the seismic issues at the Richardson Grove Visitor Center (VC) and adjacent theater to bring the VC up to current code compliance with public health and safety standards and to limit damage to interior exhibits during a possible earthquake event. Work will:

- Retrofit the VC's chimney:
  - o From the first floor ceiling line to the top of the chimney, wrap the structure with a mortar and metal lath encasement, then construct a rebar "cage" to encapsulate the chimney.
- Stabilize the VC's adjacent theater:
  - o Jack the building up and remove the round log foundation;
  - o Install a perimeter foundation with an 18" wide x 12" thick footing 18" deep into the ground with an 8" wide stem wall on top, made with 8" x 8" by 16" CMU block, approximately 6" showing above ground. Final perimeter wall will measure 18" wide x 64" long x 24" high;
  - o Install (8) 18" x 18" interior footings no more than 12" deep and 1 center footing 6" in diameter x 18" deep;
  - o Attach theater structure to the new foundation with a short wood-framed wall;
  - o Place the boards that make up the diaphragm back in place;
  - o Ensure new, visible, concrete stem wall is concealed by the existing siding.

**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, 31 Section: 15301, 15331*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use; and maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or conservation of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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