



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:** Rehabilitation and Forest Enhancement

**LOCATION:** Castle Rock State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Restore the native broadleaf trees such as canyon live oak, black oak, madrone and big leaf maple trees within the Mt. Bielawski area of Castle Rock State Park to manage natural resources. Work will:

- Remove approximately one (1) acre area of Douglas fir trees;
- Plant native broadleaf trees into the site;
- Around each tree place a 24" diameter circle of mulch to limit competition and reduce evaporation from the root zone;
- Install woven or welded wire cages to protect trees from the wildlife; remove cages after the trees are established.
- Install a temporary drip system to water trees until significant rains make it unnecessary; remove the drip irrigation system after the trees are established.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 & 33

Section: 15304 & 15333

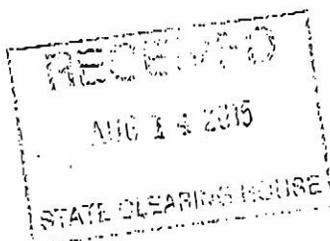
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "resource management projects"; and a small habitat restoration not exceeding five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for plants, or wildlife and are included as "revegetation with native plants" and "habitat restoration or enhancement projects being undertaken with hand, rather than mechanized, labor" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4

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