



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

CEQA # 11602

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
363 Big Trees Park Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Nature Lodge Museum Exhibits and Building Improvements

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Renovate and upgrade the Nature Lodge Museum at Big Basin Redwoods State Park and replace the existing exhibits to provide park visitors with better interpretive experiences. Work will:

- Install new flooring, carpet or restore the original wood floors;
- Replace the existing HVAC system with a new unit that will include high efficiency dehumidification to the building and exhibits;
- Remove drop ceiling to expose original open beam ceiling and open the original doorway from the Big Basin Store to the Nature Center;
- Upgrade all lighting with LED fixtures;
- If required, widen passage between Nature Center and Exhibit room for ADA Compliance;
- Refinish/repaint interior walls and, replace front windows to match the nearby Big Basin Store; and
- Repair dry rot to the exterior wood and repair/replace to match the existing wood.

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: 1, 3 & 31

Section: 15307, 15203 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration of an existing public building involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and is included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; the installation of small new equipment; and the maintenance and repair 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 (1996), Weeks and Grimmer.

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