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

CEQA # 11950

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: Black Oak Woodland Climate Adaptation

LOCATION: Castle Rock State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove Douglas-fir within a 384 acre project area of Castle Rock State Park to aid in fire suppression and prevent loss of diversity in many of the region's grasslands, chaparral and black oak woodlands.

Work will use hand crews and mechanical equipment to fell Douglas-firs less than 32" DBH (diameter at breast height). Once felled, trees will be limbed, and slash less than 6" diameter will be chipped or placed in burn piles for burning during the winter season. Wood pieces greater than 6" in diameter will be disposed of as campground firewood, for DPR facility heating, co-gen, distribution to the public through the Department's Wood Permit process, or by other means.

The California State Parks' Specifications for Fuel Break Construction document will be used as reference when conducting this work.

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

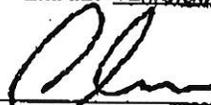
Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of 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" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4

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