



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Colonial Tree Protective Fence Installation

LOCATION: Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Highway 1, Big Sur

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Install protective fence to act as a barrier around the exposed base of the Colonial Tree, considered the largest redwood in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The tree is located close to the park’s Day Use Restroom #3, where a large number of visitors tend to stand and walk on the tree’s fragile root system. To protect the tree from further impacts, construct a 3 foot tall split rail cedar fence approximately 220 feet long, in the same design as other fences located throughout the park. Twenty-two post holes, one foot by two foot in diameter, will be dug in ten foot intervals to accommodate the uprights of the fence. The post holes will be located outside of the tree’s drip-line, approximately 20 feet from the trunk, to minimize impacts to its root system.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class: 3 Section: 15303*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of a single new, small, accessory structure, included as “fencing” on the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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