

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: ADA Improvement to Blooms Creek Connector Trail

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

PROJECT LOCATION: Park Headquarters area

PARK UNIT: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Improve the existing Blooms Creek Connector Trail between the Redwoods Trail and Blooms Creek Campground in Big Basin Redwoods State Park to meet accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." Reconfigure approximately 0.5 mile trail section to a consistent width of 4 feet with cross slope of under 5%. De-compact and revegetate a parallel volunteer trail. Construct approx. 370 total linear feet of rerouted connector trails at four locations to meet accessibility grade requirements. Build a 15 ft long retaining wall adjacent to a steep bank. Construct two armored drain dips through seasonal drainages and two 15 ft. long puncheons over seasonal drainages. Install miscellaneous trail signage.

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:

X Categorical Exemption

Classes: 1,3,4,11 Sections: 15301,15303, 15304, 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures; minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; and placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities: included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access", "trails or road repairs" "trail construction or realignment," "trail removal," and "installation of signs" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4

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