

**State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Santa Cruz District  
303 Big Tree Park Road  
Felton, CA 95018

**PROJECT TITLE:** Easement conveyance to AT&T for underground fiber optic cable

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Roadbed of State Highway #9, between Saratoga Gap and Waterman Gap

**PARK UNIT:** Castle Rock State Park

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

Issue a 4 ft wide by 6.25 mile long underground easement to AT&T within the road bed of State Highway 9 traversing Saratoga Gap and the junction of State Highway 236 at Waterman Gap in Castle Rock State Park to install fiber optic cable and approximately 15 maintenance vaults.

AT&T will notify DPR at least 48 hours prior to performing any work, including routine maintenance, within the easement boundaries. Advance notice is not required when responding to an emergency; however, DPR will be notified as soon as feasible after AT&T personnel arrive at the site. All work conducted within the boundaries of the easement, including routine maintenance will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, CEQA, and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, with regard to work conducted within the easement. This easement will provide legal access and use of this property to AT&T, while protecting resources.

**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

Class: 5 Section:15305

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitation that will not result in any changes in land use or density, included under "issuance of easements, permits, and temporary use permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreations list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR Section 15330.

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