

CEQA #9453

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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PROJECT TITLE: Sequoia Trail and Skyline to Sea Trail Improvements **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz
PROJECT LOCATION: Vicinity near Park Headquarters
PARK UNIT: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Improve Sequoia Trail and Skyline to Sea Trail at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to reduce resource impacts.
Sequoia Trail: Construct approx. 160 linear foot (ft) by 4 ft wide trail section to re-route a portion of the Sequoia Trail. Shape and compact trail tread and cap tread surface with class 2 base rock to harden the tread. Remove portions of an exposed 4 inch diameter waterline no longer in use sited near the trail. Install a trail directional sign at the trailhead. Decommission approx. 195 linear ft of existing unsustainable trail.
Skyline to Sea Trail: Construct an approx. 1,760 linear ft long, 3 ft wide trail section to re-route a portion of the Skyline to Sea Trail. Shape and compact trail tread. Install up to 6 log retainers pinned in place with rebar along the new trail section. Decommission approx. 1,040 linear ft of existing unsustainable trail. Install an approx. 12 ft by 4 ft wide rock crossing over a seasonal drainage along the trail. Remove vegetation up to 10 ft on either side of the new trail section. To decommission unsustainable trail section, loosen compacted soil on trail tread; replace displaced soil adjacent to trail alignment; re-contour soils to match natural topography. Plant native vegetation and cover bare ground with vegetative duff and woody debris along decommissioned trail sections.

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 Section: 15301, 15303,

15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of an existing public facility involving no expansion beyond current levels, construction and location of new, small facilities, minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "trails or road repairs", "installation of park facilities such as signs", "trail construction or realignment," and "trail removal" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR Section 15300.4

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