

**CEQA #9570**

**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  
303 Big Tree park Road  
Felton CA 95018

**PROJECT TITLE:** Blooms Creek Bridge Replacement & Trail Improvements. **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Blooms Creek Campground area

**PARK UNIT:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park

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

Replace an existing foot bridge near the Blooms Creek Campground Area at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to increase visitor safety and access. The new bridge will adhere to State Park's Trail and ADA guidelines. Construction related silt fencing and hung tarps will be utilized to prevent debris from entering the creek. Work will construct 80 feet of new trail improve trailhead visibility from campground. No work will occur in the stream channel or banks. All construction will be performed outside of the Marbled Murrelet nesting season.

**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: 2,3 & 4 Section: 15302, 15303, & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity of the structure being replaced; construction and location of new, small structures and; minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees included as "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR Sec. 15300.4

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