



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

PROJECT TITLE: CoastSnap 2025

LOCATION: New Brighton State Beach and Pescadero State Beach **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz/San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project consists of installing one (1) citizen-science coastal monitoring station at New Brighton State Beach and one (1) at Pescadero State Beach for the purpose of providing opportunities for coastal monitoring and public engagement. Work will:

- Excavate up to 4 cubic-feet for two (2) post holes;
- Install a 4x4-in. post into each hole and backfill with excavated soil to secure;
- Attach directional and interpretive signage to each post; and
- Attach a smartphone camera cradle to the top of each post.

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:

☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities, included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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