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CEQA # 14546
District Project # 635-26-006

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
North Coast Redwoods District
PO Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: PG&E EV Chargers

LOCATION: Benbow Lake State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Purpose of the project is to grant a Right of Entry (ROE) to PG&E for access to Benbow Lake State Recreation Area to install electrical vehicle (EV) chargers in the Day Use parking area to provide EV charging capabilities for park visitors as part of the EV Charge Parks Pilot Participation Agreement.

In the Day Use parking area PG&E will install a total of eight (8) charging stations - four (4) DC fast chargers and four (4) Level 2 Chargers. Two (2) of the eight (8) charging stations will be van accessible ADA stalls.

In addition to the charging stations, PG&E will also upgrade electrical infrastructure as necessary to support the increased need for electric distribution capacity. This work will include:

- Replacement of an existing 75-ft power pole;
- Excavations to install approx. 375-ft of underground electrical conduit;
- Installation of new transformer on an approx. 9-ft x 8-ft, 6-in. poured concrete pad;
- Installation of two (2) distribution panels and meters; and
- Installation of six (6) bollards.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:
☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 3, 4 & 5 *Section:* 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, 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 or structures; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density and is listed as "Issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreations list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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