



**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: Sequoia Group Campground Septic Feasibility Testing

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project consists of geotechnical testing to evaluate for the installation of new septic restrooms at the Sequoia Group Campground at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to support proposed plans to rebuild the group campground. Within the chosen test location, work will use a rotary auger backhoe attachment and/or manual augers to perform preliminary soil evaluations as follows:

- Excavate one (1) 14-ft deep hole for soil profiling;
- Excavate four (4) 4-ft to 7-ft deep holes for limited percolation testing; and
- Backfill test holes with excavated soils and compact.

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:* 6 *Section:* 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included as "Soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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