



**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:** ROE to PG&E for Vegetation Maintenance PN-011502

**LOCATION:** Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) for access to Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area to allow for routine vegetation maintenance along the Essex Jct-Orick 60 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, located on land within the parks' boundaries. In total, the proposed work will remove ten (10) trees at ten (10) locations.

All work conducted pursuant to this ROE will comply with all state and federal environmental laws, including but not limited to CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and conditions specified by this ROE and other permitting agencies.

**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: 5*                      *Section: 15305*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of 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 Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4

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