



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:** Water Treatment Plant Building Geotechnical Investigation

**LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project consists of conducting geotechnical investigations at the Big Basin Redwoods State Park Water Treatment Plant in Big Basin State Park to identify soil conditions and provide geotechnical engineering design parameters and recommendations for planned improvements. The consultant will perform up to four (4) concrete cores in the existing foundation to understand the strength of the existing concrete. They will drill two (2) exploratory borings of approximately 20-foot in depth. Borings will be backfilled with excavated material. Two (2) excavations will be dug on the perimeter of the existing treatment plant to evaluate the existing footing depths. They will also be backfilled with the excavated material.

**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.

**CONTACT:** Linda Hitchcock  
Santa Cruz District

**PHONE NO.:** (831) 227-8390  
**EMAIL:** Linda.Hitchcock@parks.ca.gov

Chris Spohrer

2/27/26

Chris Spohrer  
District Superintendent  
Santa Cruz District

DATE