



**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: Castro Adobe State Historic Park Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Rancho San Andres Castro Adobe

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project consists of removing barriers and providing improved access to existing day use facilities at Rancho San Andreas Castro Adobe Park Property to better accommodate visitors with disabilities. Work will:

- Construct an accessible concrete parking stall and access ramp to the front entry of the Kimbro House;
- Construct an accessible path of travel from the Kimbro House Courtyard to the front of the Castro Adobe with two (2) landings for installation of interpretive signage;
- On the front and side exteriors, minimally excavate to construct a timber-edged aggregate paved area for a firm and stable surface for large tour groups to congregate;
- Provide an access ramp to the existing wooden deck in front of Adobe; and
- Using materials matching the existing deck/boardwalk, construct a new low-profile deck in front of the Cocina entrance to establish a flush entry into the exhibit area.

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, 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, included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" and "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 except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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