



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Santa Cruz District
303 Big Trees Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Bickford Motus Station

LOCATION: Año Nuevo State Park

COUNTY: San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to install a Motus animal tracking station in the field adjacent to the Bickford House in Año Nuevo State Park for the purpose of tracking individual animals that will contribute data to a nationwide tracking effort and allowing researchers from around the world to address importation questions. Work will:

- Hand excavate a 3-ft x 3-ft x 4-ft deep area;
- Pour a 3-ft x 3-ft x 4-ft concrete pad;
- Use an auger to excavate three (3) 1-ft dia. holes;
- Install sonotubes and pour concrete and set fasteners for guy wire installation; and
- Install the Motus weather station and set guy wires to secure station.

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; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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