



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Goat Rock Trail Construction

LOCATION: Castle Rock State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz County

- **DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Establish a trail from the new Kirkwood Entrance parking lot to the Interpretive Shelter in Castle Rock State to provide a more direct route to the Goat Rock climbing area as well as an additional hiking loop for park visitors. Work will:
- Remove approximately 1,948 ft. of barbed wire fencing;
- Excavate approximately 1,600ft³ of soil for use as footing backfill on all trail structures;
- Rake duff and organics off of the proposed trail alignment to below the fill slope;
- Construct an approximately 3,448ft long x 4ft wide trail;
- At Kings Creek, excavate to install two (2) 16"x24"x8" concrete abutments (one (1) per side);
- Install a debris net across the stream to catch debris from construction activities;
- Use steel I-beams to span the abutments and construct a 65 ft. long x 5ft wide pedestrian trail bridge;
- Install one (1) 16ft. long x 5ft wide puncheon;
- Use 433ft³ of rock to construct retaining walls, a rock overlook, and a rock armored swale;
- Construct and install twenty-six (26) double-sided interlocking wood steps;
- Install one (1) wood bench at the overlook;
- Install four (4) directional trail signs at various locations along the trail;
- Remove all soil retention devices after completion of project; and
- Use stockpiled duff and organics to rehabilitate all disturbed areas.

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: 3 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

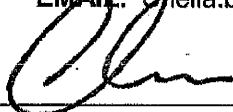
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities or structures; and the minor public or private alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is included as "signs" and "Trail Construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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