



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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

PROJECT TITLE: Whalen Property Acquisition

LOCATION: Castle Rock State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks proposes to acquire a 33-acre parcel, commonly known as the Whalen Property, from the Sempervirens Fund to add this parcel to the adjacent Castle Rock State Park. The Castle Rock State Park General Plan identified the property as the ideal entrance site for the park. The parcel was purchased by the Sempervirens Fund expressly to be a new entrance for Castle Rock State Park and presently contains a park entrance and associated facilities that include a 90-car parking lot, restrooms, amphitheater, water fountains, new trails, trailheads, and interpretive facilities.

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: 16

Section: 15316

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park, and is included as "Acquisition of contiguous properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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