## 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 Park Road Felton, CA 95018

**PROJECT TITLE: Wilder Mines Closure** 

**LOCATION:** Wilder Ranch State Park **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project will close abandoned mines in Wilder Ranch State Park to reduce risk to public health and safety and reduce further site degradation. The proposed work will fill the open space of each mine with a polyurethane foam (PUF) plug and cover/backfill the plug, by hand, with nearby soil. All work will be completed in conjunction with the Department of Conservation (DOC), Abandoned Mine Lands Unit.

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 & 4 Section: 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and minor public or private alteration in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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