

## **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:** Potter Property Acquisition

**LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Acquire approximately 15 acres of undeveloped forest land, APN 086-123-03, to be included into Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The property is primarily second growth redwood, Douglas fir, and hardwoods, and burned at moderate severity during the 2020 CZU Lighting Complex Fires. Acquisition of the property will support publicly owned land that safeguard coastal redwoods, wildlife habitat, cultural and natural resources, and provide recreational opportunities for the park.

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:** Project consists of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park.

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