



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

District Superintendents Order No. 715-001-17

May 2, 2017

**Posted Order- Model Aircraft/Unmanned Aircraft Systems  
(UAS)/Glider Use**

**Whereas:** The dramatic growth and popularity of UAS (Drones) within the Santa Cruz District has numerous negative impacts to the special resources, park operations, and the unique visitor experiences afforded by the District. UAS are an emergent technology generally inconsistent with the park experience. UAS can have negative impacts on the regional wildlife found within the Santa Cruz District. UAS can be noisy and intrusive to natural soundscapes and vistas. Further, UAS can interfere with emergency rescue operations.

**Therefore:**

1. To protect wildlife and cultural resources, and for the safety and welfare of visitors and staff; the Park Units in the Santa Cruz District are closed to the use of Model Aircraft, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Gliders in flight.
2. Exceptions include:
  - a. Seacliff State Beach: above the field on the Southern end of the primary day use parking lot.
  - b. Sunset State Beach: non-motorized gliders at the designated glider-port located across from the South campground.
  - c. Events authorized by Special Event or California Film Commission permit.Any use is subject to closure based on conditions as determined by a State Park Peace Officer.
3. The District Superintendent, or his designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions

may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Santa Cruz District, 101 N. Big Trees Park Rd., Felton, California 95018.

4. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual, and residential or property rights.
5. This order shall remain in effect until the adoption of model aircraft/unmanned aircraft systems/glider regulations by the Department.
6. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts or property rights previously granted.
7. This Order has been posted pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4301 (i).

So Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5/1/2017

Christopher Spohrer, District Superintendent, Santa Cruz District

Authority: California Public Resources Code Section 5003 and California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Sections 4301, 4326.



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*Department of Parks Recreation – Santa Cruz District*

## CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

Of District Superintendent's Order Number 715-001-17

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*Effective May 2, 2017*

I hereby certify that on this date, in compliance with California Code of Regulation, Section 4301(i), *Posting*, copies of this order were posted at the Santa Cruz District Office, the Northern Division Chief's Office Sacramento, California and at locations convenient to the public within the Santa Cruz District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED:

Christopher Spohrer, District Superintendent, Santa Cruz District

5/1/2017

Date