

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation  
PO Box 2006  
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Stagecoach Hill / Azalea Nature Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Humboldt Lagoons State Park COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Make improvements to the existing Stagecoach Hill / Azalea Nature Trail in Humboldt Lagoons State Park to bring the trail into compliance with the California State Parks accessibility guidelines and associated legal mandates. Work will:

- Excavate approx. 10 yards<sup>3</sup> of soil and use approx. 30 yards<sup>3</sup> of rock to construct approx. 465' of approx. 1' wide by approx. 1.5' high rock retaining walls to support the trail bed and contain trail surface material;
- Remove and reroute approx. 4,800 feet<sup>2</sup> of existing trail to comply with the accessibility requirements;
- Use hand crews and hand tools to decompact the removed trail alignment;
- Use native seed/mulch to rehabilitate the removed trail alignment to appear no longer as a trail;
- Excavate an approx. 20' x 20' x 1' area to construct one (1) concrete accessible parking space near the trailhead;
- Excavate approx. 25' x 25' x 1' for a crosswalk and transition pavement to the trailhead;
- At the trailhead, excavate one (1) 6" x 6" x 3' hole, install a post and attach one (1) 36" wide x 24" tall accessible trail information sign; and
- Replace One (1) redwood bench located at an overlook area along the trail.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

## EXEMPT STATUS:

 Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3 &amp; 4

Section: 15301, 15503 &amp; 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the maintenance and minor alteration of existing facilities involving no expansion of use beyond existing; the installation of small new structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and is included as "modifications of existing facilities for disabled access", "installation of interpretive signing or panels" 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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