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## State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Department of Parks and Recreation One Capitol Mall, Suite 410 Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park

**COUNTY:** Monterey

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT**: Complete improvements in the day use area of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park to bring this area and its facilities into compliance with the California State Parks accessibility guidelines and associated legal mandates. The project will retrofit an existing comfort station and improve visitor walkways, parking areas and adjacent amenities to meet accessibility requirements. Work will:

In the North East Parking Lot:

- Saw cut and remove up to 12" of asphalt and base and install 3" of new asphalt over 9" of aggregate base;
- Excavate and install approximately 190' of new 2' wide by 6" high concrete curbing with gutter to line parking area;
- Excavate to install 62.5' of 5' wide x 4" thick concrete walkways and a new 20' x 17.5' 5" thick concrete ADA parking space;
- Excavate approximately 1,215 sq. ft. up to 2.5' deep to install rock lined pathways and two (2) individual and one (1) group picnic area pads - with stabilized aggregate between rocks in day use area; and
- Relocate the existing boulders within the day-use picnic area as needed.

For the Comfort Station, Plaza, and Walkways:

- Saw cut and remove asphalt and base layer (up to 12" deep) and pour a new 4.5' wide x 58' concrete walkway leading from the day use walkway to the comfort station
- Excavate a 12" deep by 930 sq. ft. area and install a concrete walkway and plaza around sides of renovated comfort station and extend standing area;
- Excavate up to 3' deep to construct a 58' long continuous concrete retaining wall uphill and adjacent to the walkway leading to comfort station from day use area;
- Excavate up to 3' deep to construct a 61' long continuous concrete retaining wall along the western and southern edges of the comfort station plaza.
- Excavate up to 3' deep to construct a 50' long intermediate retaining wall below plaza perimeter wall;
- Excavate up to 3' deep to construct a 28' long retaining wall below the walkway leading to comfort station;
- Remove the existing stairs and replace with one (1) set of concrete stairs with landings;
- Demolish the interior of the existing comfort station and remove a portion of the existing interior slab, excavating up to 20" deep below the finished floor level to accommodate footings for two (2) new interior partition walls and to install four (4) new drains and toilets;
- Remove the existing wing walls;
- Remove existing exterior finishes to allow for installation of structural sheathing;

- Install new wood trim and paint to coordinate with the existing finish;
- Remove the existing exterior entry to the men's and women's restrooms and cover with the same finishes as adjacent exterior wall:
- Install four (4) new fiberglass doors for access to the four (4) new unisex comfort station rooms. Make additional repairs, as necessary, to ensure the structural integrity of the building:
- Excavate a 12" wide by 36" deep by 5' long trench off the backside of restroom for conduit stub outs: and
- Remove, replace and reconnect a 2" PVC water line that runs between the entry road and the comfort station, and a trunk line that runs parallel to the walkway leading from the comfort station to the day use picnic area.
- Remove hazard trees and revegetate the slope above the comfort station.

To Install ADA Parking for the Trailhead:

- In the existing parking area, saw cut and remove a 19' x 13.4' x 1' area of asphalt and the base rock:
- Adjacent to the parking stall, excavate 2.5' deep to install new concrete footings for a concrete retaining wall;
- Pour one (1) 19' x 20' concrete ADA compliant parking stall; and
- Install a concrete retaining wall along the exposed perimeter of the new ADA parking space.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

#### **EXEMPT STATUS:**

Class: 1, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304  $\boxtimes$ Categorical Exemption

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as "modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4; the construction and location of a limited number of new facilities; and the minor public alteration in the condition of land and/or vegetation which does not include removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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