

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Palmers Point Trailhead Enhancement Project

LOCATION: Patrick's Point State Park

COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Create two new viewing areas with a bench, spotting scope, and two interpretative signs at Palmers Point within Patrick's Point State Park to enhance visitor's experience. Work will:

- Strip a new American with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking space in the Palmers Point parking lot;
- Excavate 2 holes 6 in. diameter and 3 ft. deep to relocate an interpretive sign, install four new interpretative signs and two new spotting scopes;
- Excavate to 4 holes to realign the fencing surrounding the portable outhouse;
- Excavate 3 holes to install a 3 ft. tall handrail on three sides of the southern viewing area that will be 12 ft. long by 8 ft. wide;
- Excavate 3 holes to install a 3 ft. high handrails on two sides of the northern viewing area that will be 20 ft x 16 ft. wide;
- Excavate approximately 16 ft. long and 1 ft. deep on the west side and 40 ft. long and 2 ft. deep on the north side of the viewing area to install a rock retaining wall at the northern viewing area;
- Install crushed shale over erosion cloth in the viewing areas, around the interpretative displays and portable outhouse pads, and the base of the trails;
- Create two new trails approximately 225 ft. long and 4 ft. wide from the southwest corner of the parking lot to the south viewing area and along the length of the parking lot.
 - The first 12 ft. of the southern viewing area trail will be approximately 5 ft. wide.

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

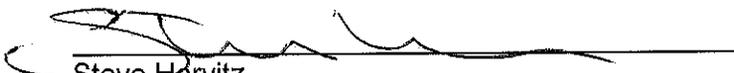
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class: 1, 2, 3, & 4 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Consists of repair and maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same propose and capacity as the structure replaced; and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access" and "construction or installation of park facilities such as "interpretive panels and fencing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4..

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