



State of California – The Resources Agency
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
P.O. Box 2006
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PROJECT TITLE: Trinidad State Beach Viewshed Project
LOCATION: Trinidad State Beach

COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove native and non-native vegetation and undertake annual mowing at the vista point in Trinidad State Beach to restore and maintain the longstanding viewshed. Work will use hand tools to remove all trees less than 8" DBH (diameter at breast height), and if possible use trees that are removed with roots intact to revegetate areas where non-native plants were already removed. Excavation depths related to tree removal will not exceed 24". After tree removal, State Parks maintenance staff will conduct annual mowing of the area to maintain the cleared areas.

A rare plant survey (2010) and general plant survey (2017) verified that no sensitive plants were found within the project area. Initial vegetation removal and maintenance activities (mowing) will occur between September 1 and March 30. All removed vegetation that cannot or will not be transplanted will be taken to an appropriate dumping area to be composted or burned. When feasible, removed vegetation may be placed in inconspicuous areas not visible to the public and left to decompose naturally.

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: 4


Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "resource management projects" on the Department's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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