

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

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Howland Hill Metcalf Grove Fish Passage Improvement Project

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park ([https://www.google.com/maps Metcalf Grove](https://www.google.com/maps/Metcalf+Grove))

COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace an undersized and dilapidated culvert crossing on Howland Hill Road in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to allow for safe passage on the road surface and restore fish passage within Metcalf Grove Creek, a small tributary to Nickerson Creek. Work will:

- Use an excavator to clear the soils over the existing 3' diameter culvert and remove the culvert and excavate up to 2' below the existing stream channel bed;
- Install a new 6' diameter by 40' long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert, set at a 2% slope;
- Place coarse engineered stream bed material along the bottom length of the interior of the CMP;
- Backfill around the CMP, in lifts, and install rip-rap armoring at the inlet and outlet to the CMP;
- Use imported materials to restore the road surface to a height approx. 4' above the top of the CMP; and
- Use compacted aggregate to restore the roadway.

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, 4 & 33

Section: 15301, 15304 & 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as "Trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; 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; and projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife.

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