



State of California – The Natural 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
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Devil's Gulch Trail Re-Route and Restoration

LOCATION: Samuel P. Taylor State Park ([Devil's Gulch](#)) **COUNTY:** Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Re-route and restore a portion of Devil's Gulch Trail in Samuel P. Taylor State Park to help protect critical salmonid creek habitat. Work will include a combination of the following along the length of the trail:

- Construct approximately 2,256 linear feet of new trail above the old route, higher on the slope and further from the creek bank;
- Install brown shale and compact on the trail tread;
- Install 673 feet of retaining walls with average height of three feet for bridge approaches;
- Install three bridges with average length of 30 feet;
- Install one new 12-foot puncheon;
- Install two armored crossings measuring 7 ft. x 4 ft.;
- Install three viewing platforms measuring 6 ft. x 6 ft.; and
- Remove and restore the old trail alignment by aerating the soil to a depth of six inches and covering with cut brush from the new alignment.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 & 4

Section: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of operation, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; and minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "trail repairs and trail reroutes" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4..

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