



**State of California – Natural Resources 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  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Manchester State Park Accessibility Improvement Project

**LOCATION:** Manchester State Park

**COUNTY:** Mendocino County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project proposes to provide accessibility upgrades at Manchester State Park to improve access for park visitors and to bring facilities in compliance with California State Parks accessibility guidelines and associated legal mandates. Work will:

**In the Campground:**

At each campsite #7, #8 and #24 (possibly #12):

- Excavate to install a concrete parking stall, and timber-edged, compacted aggregate tent pad and picnic area with ADA-compliant fire pit;
- Excavate to install timber-edged, compact aggregate access paths from the campground road to the new parking spaces;
- Excavate to install concrete paths of travel to two (2) existing CXT buildings;
- Remove two (2) non-compliant water stations near the campsites and replace with two (2) ADA-compliant water stations;
- Excavate to install a timber-edged, compacted aggregate path of travel to the existing campfire center and around the fire pit and screen; and
- Develop one (1) accessible seating area with bench and companion seating space.

**At the Group Camp:**

- Excavate to install three (3) timber-edged, compacted aggregate, tent sites as well as 5' wide accessible paths connecting tent sites to a new accessible picnic area;
- Excavate to install timber-edged, compacted aggregate surfaces and install three (3) accessible picnic table, one (1) accessible preparation table, one (1) accessible fire pit;
- Relocate two (2) existing non-accessible picnic tables;
- Excavate to pour a new, 20' x 16'; concrete parking stall with access aisle and a 5' wide concrete pathway to the restroom;
- Install four (4) new animal proof trash receptacles; and
- Excavate to pour a 5' x 5' concrete pad and install one (1) accessible water station/drinking fountain.

**In the Day-Use and at Trailhead:**

- Construct one (1) new concrete parking stall with access aisle next to the existing CXT building;
- Excavate to install a 5' wide concrete path of travel to the CXT and two (2) new 12' x 16' accessible picnic site pads;
- Install log barriers between the new accessible picnic sites and the roadway; and
- Excavate to install two (2) concrete pads for two (2) relocated informational panels and interpretive signs.

**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:**

Categorical Exemption

*Class:* 1, 3 and 4

*Section:* 15301, 15303 and 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the construction and location of limited numbers of small new facilities and structures; and the minor public alterations in the conditions of land and vegetation, included "modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" and "Construction or installation of park facilities such as interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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