

**State of California
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
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PROJECT TITLE: Natural Bridges State Beach Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Natural Bridges State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Complete accessibility improvements in the parking, day use and visitor center facilities at Natural Bridges State Beach to provide accessible facilities to visitors of all abilities and bring the park into compliance with California State Parks accessibility guidelines and associated legal mandates. Work will:

In the Main Parking Lot:

- Saw cut and remove existing asphalt as needed to install concrete to accommodate five (5) dispersed accessible parking stalls and one (1) accessible (future) vehicle charging stall;
- Construct a new concrete crossing from the new parking spaces to the visitor center;
- Install the necessary conduit and pull boxes for a future vehicle charging station in conjunction with the proposed new concrete work; and
- Sign and stripe the new stalls and crosswalk to meet current code requirements.

In the Picnic Area:

- Install eight (8) new picnic pads, each with a BBQ and access to trash receptacles and a water station, dispersed around the perimeter of the parking lot;
- Install two (2) new accessible picnic tables on level pads in the group picnic site; and
- Construct an additional new concrete ramp down to the group picnic site in order to provide access.

At the Restroom Area:

- Excavate 6 to 8-inches to place 6 to 8-inches of Class II base rock as foundations;
- Excavate three (3) 3-foot-deep trenches, at various lengths, to facilitate tie-ins to existing water, power and sewer lines;
- Install an electrical stub out with vault and panel for future connection;
- Install two (2) new prefabricated flush-style CXT restrooms, with a total of four (4) unisex single user room configurations (prewired for lighting and fan installation), adjacent to the western edge of the parking lot in order to provide barrier free access;
- Close the existing restroom building upon completion of new restroom installation, cap and place existing water and electrical into vaults; and
- Secure the building until demolition is approved pending an historical review and approval;
- Demolish and remove exiting restroom as part of a future project.

At the Visitor Center:

- Remove and reconstruct the existing ramp to meet current code requirements;
- Construct a short concrete connector path from the walkway to the new ramp;
- Reconfigure the existing sale counter to accommodate wheelchair access;
- Replace the existing Visitor Center entry door hardware and/ or the door itself;
- Replace and reset the existing bathroom fixtures in tow (2) restrooms; and
- Restripe the existing parking stall in front of the building into a conventional configuration.

At the Beach Access Route: Within the existing footprint, work will remove the existing asphalt and replace with stained concrete paving.

At the Monarch Trail Boardwalk: Replace/repair decking and handrails as necessary.

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, 2, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the 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; the construction and location of a limited number of new, small facilities; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and is included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" and "Construction or installation of park facilities such as restrooms, signs in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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