

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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
PO Box 2006  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Rhododendron Trail Bridge Replacement

**LOCATION:** Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Replace an existing, failing foot bridge along the Rhododendron Trail in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to allow for safe public access to and along this trail. Work will:

- Set up tarps beneath the existing structure to capture falling debris;
- Attach rigging to surrounding trees to assist in the removal of failing materials and the placement of the new trail bridge materials;
- Remove the existing decomposed and failing bridge;
- Excavate one (1) approx. 2 feet wide by 10 feet long and 4 inches deep on either side of Prairie Creek, for mudsills;
- Excavate an additional four (4) 10 feet long by 1 foot wide by 6 inches deep areas, (two (2) per side) for approach ramp retaining wall footings;
- Install the new redwood and steel bridge; and
- Use excavated fill materials to establish the approach ramp elevations.

**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

*Classes:* 1, 2 & 4

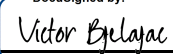
*Section:* 15301, 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public 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 purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and the minor public alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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