



**State of California – The 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
2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Lighthouse Field State Beach Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Lighthouse Field State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Upgrade select trails in Lighthouse Field State Beach to meet accessibility standards, improve drainage, reshape existing trails and improve surface and tread conditions. Work will:

- Replace restroom fixtures as necessary for code compliance and relocate dog fountain onto a concrete pad;
- Resurface and level bench area near restroom and install accessible bench along path of travel;
- Resurface approximately 5300 linear feet of existing trail for accessibility and staff vehicle access;
- Excavate 6-8 inches to decompact the existing trails, then apply new base rock, shape and compact;
- Clean an existing culvert located adjacent to the Pelton Ave. trailhead;
- Replace benches and trash/recycling receptacles throughout the park;
- Install 250 linear feet of drain lense at location known to be seasonally inundated;
- Install a combined 200 linear feet of drain lenses at two (2) trail segments known to be seasonally inundated;
- Install 70 linear feet of drain lense on existing trail to allow stormwater to cross the trail;
- Place logs along the back side of parking lot B to prevent vehicle access beyond paved areas;
- Install new aggregate surfacing and timber edging to improve and stabilize two (2) trailheads at Pelton Ave.;
- Resurface, fence, and install interpretive panels to formalize the Monarch butterfly grove interpretive stop;
- Install new trailhead signage at the trailheads at Pelton Ave., West Cliff Dr., Parking lots B and C and behind the concession building;
- Reconstruction four (4) existing accessible parking stalls at lot C and D and replace them with two (2) accessible parking stalls and two (2) accessible van stalls with concrete foundations.
- Construct four (4) timber-edged, aggregate-base, picnic pads and reconstruct/replace four (4) picnic tables;
- Install connector trail to establish connection between two (2) picnic sites and the main trail; and
- To reconstruct and/or repair the existing staircase to the beach;
 - Remove and replace the wooden steps and associated retaining walls with in-kind materials in the same location as currently existing;
 - Remove the existing railing and replace with painted steel; and
 - Clean, patch and resurface the existing concrete steps.

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: Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; 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; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, included as "Trail or road repairs, Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" and construction or installation of Park facilities, such as signs" in Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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