



**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  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Campground and Parking ADA Upgrades

**LOCATION:** Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park    **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project proposes to construct new ADA compliant combination shower/toilet buildings, complete accessibility upgrades at the existing campfire center and improve the adjacent pathways and parking stalls at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to allow for access to these park facilities to all park visitors and to comply with current legal mandates. The following work will take place:

At the campfire center work will:

- Remove four (4) full length existing benches and half (½) of a 5<sup>th</sup> bench;
- Remove the existing steel fire ring and salvage for relocation;
- Remove the drinking fountain and cap the existing water service line;
- Remove approx. 325 square ft. of existing aggregate base rock at the current ADA space; and then
- Pour 1,500 square ft. of concrete pathways and landings, with 6-in. concrete curbs;
- Construct 360 square ft. of rock wall borders;
- Construct one (1) concrete van-accessible ADA parking stall;
- Cut approx. five (5) drainage outlets linked to rock dry wells;
- Relocate the previously removed fire ring; and
- Excavate a 10-ft long by up to 2-ft deep trench and a 3-ft deep by 30-in. wide (on all sides) to install one (1) ADA compliant drinking fountain with dry well.

For the New Combination Buildings #1 & #2 work will:

- Demo two (2) existing 600 square ft. combo buildings;
- Remove approx. 1500 square ft. of existing asphalt roadway and underlying base material;
- Remove approx. 710 square ft. of existing concrete pathway and underlying base material;
- Excavate, as needed, to remove existing sewer, water, natural gas and electrical lines, dispose of removed lines off-site;
- Remove a total of 300 linear ft. of redwood split rail fence;
- Remove and save two (2) information kiosks for future placement; and then
- Excavate a total of 9,112 cubic ft. of soil to construct two (2) new, 1,012 square ft. combo buildings, each with five (5) restrooms, four (4) shower rooms, and one (1) wash station;
- Install approx. 3,030 square ft. of concrete pathways leading to and around the combination buildings;
- Construct a total of 300 linear ft. of redwood split rail fences to tie-into existing fences;
- Re-install two (2) information kiosks;
- Construct a 550 square ft. concrete paved ADA Van Parking Stall with an approx. 190 square ft. stabilized aggregate pad adjacent to the parking stall;
- Excavate approx. 12-in. wide x 36-in. deep x 230-ft. long to install and connect new electrical services;
- Excavate approx. 12-in. wide x 36-in. deep 70-ft. long to install and connect new water services;
- Excavate approx. 12-in. wide x 36-in. deep x 60-ft. long to install and connect new sewer lines and
- Excavate approx. 12-in. wide x 42-in. x 110-ft. long to install and connect new natural gas services.

**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 maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; 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; construction and location of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures; and consists of 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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