



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: North Beaches Dune Restoration

LOCATION: Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Marina State Beach, Salinas River State Beach, and Zmudowski State Beach

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will work in partnership with Central Coast Wetlands Group (CCWG) at Moss Landing Marine Labs and Coastal Conservation and Research (CCR) at Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Moss Landing State Beach, Salinas River State Beach, and Zmudowski State Beach to remove invasive plants, reestablish native plant communities and restore sensitive dune habitat. Within each park unit, work will:

- Hand pull or spray to eradicate invasive ice plant. Hand pull in areas where sensitive plant species are present and spray (2% dilution of glyphosate) only on still and dry days to prevent chemical drift from rain and wind. Fore-dune areas will be sprayed outside of the snowy plover nesting season (March-September) to ensure breeding plovers are not impacted.
- Collect seeds from plants native to the specific State Park unit in which they will be planted or seeded to ensure local genetic diversity is supported. Propagate native plants throughout the project period and plant during the rainy months (November-March) of project years. The number of plants and density of planting will be dependent on site-specific conditions. Seeds will also be hand broadcast and raked into dune areas with bare sand.
- Install driftwood, haybales, or jute fencing to capture sand in vulnerable areas to increase the structural integrity of the dunes, reduce susceptibility to wave erosion, and enhance plover habitat.
- Monitor the restoration efforts with dune vegetation surveys, topographic surveys using a differential GPS, and drone imagery.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of a limited number of new small facilities or structures; included as; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees; and is included as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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