

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Well and Backup Power System

LOCATION: Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes drilling a well and installing a backup power system (inside a shipping container) at near the Gold Bluff Beach Campground in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to provide a reliable source of potable water for the existing campground. Work will:

For the well:

- Utilize a commercial well drilling company to establish an 8-in. diameter by 120-ft deep well;
- Pour a 6 ft. x 8 ft. x 6-in. thick concrete slab around the well casing; and
- Install a wooden structure, no more than 7 ft. tall, over the well opening.

For the backup power:

- Excavate four (4) 6-8-in deep holes and place four (4) 12-in. x 8-in. x 12-in concrete piers;
- Set the shipping container on the piers and anchor with hurricane tie down anchors;
- Install solar panels to fully cover the shipping container roof;
- Install a backup generator, bank of batteries, and solar system controls;
- Excavate 24-in deep x 18-in wide trenches between the shipping container, the well and the existing campground restroom; and
- Install 3-in. electrical line conduit, a spare 2-in. electrical line conduit and a 3/4-in. propane gas line.

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

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; 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 "Construction or installation of park facilities such as fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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