

**State of California – The Natural Resource 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
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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: The project proposes to rehabilitate the existing Wolf Creek water system in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to improve water distribution from the source and eliminate the possibility of waterline failures that could discharge treated water into Wolf Creek. To facilitate the use of trenchless pipe replacement methods to complete the project, work will:

- Excavate two (2) 4ft x 4ft x 4ft boreholes and, from the opposite end, pull a 4-in. HDPE pipe from the pilot hole;
- In forest areas, hand excavate approx. 3ft x 3ft x 3ft holes at 100 feet intervals along the replacement lines to track the location of pipe as it is drilled/installed and hand excavate, as needed, to address obstructions;
- On either side of Prairie Creek, approx. 100 feet from the creek itself, excavate one (1) approx. 4ft x 4ft x 4ft borehole to install pipe via trenchless methods approx. 15-ft below the creek channel;
- Replace a portion of the line between the Wolf Creek outdoor school trail and the under-channel crossing; and
- Drain and remove the existing waterline spanning over the creek, and remove all other materials associated with the old water line.

Only water will be used as drilling fluids. The new creek undercrossing will be performed during an overlapping construction timeframe during the summer or early fall of 2024. With CDPR coordination, the Nature Trail will be closed for approximately 3 weeks during the summer or early fall of 2024.

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 & 4

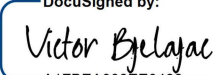
Section: 15301 & 15304

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; 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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