



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
North Coast Redwoods District
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Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Benbow State Recreation Area Predator Proof Replacement and Repair Project

LOCATION: Benbow Lake State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes to remove, replace, or repair predator proof infrastructure within Benbow Lake State Recreation Area to provide safe food storage for park visitors as well as reduce unwanted encounters with wildlife. One of two installation methods (to be determined on-site) will be used to replace approximately 70 wooden food lockers with metal, "predator proof" food lockers, designed to meet ADA compliance requirements. At 20 sites, work will:

- Use hand tools and/or mechanical gas-powered auger or backhoe-mounted auger to dig an approx. 12-inch-wide by 2-foot-deep hole;
- Use U-bolts to attach a 3.5-inch diameter pole to a locker, and place the post into the hole;
- Backfill around the post with concrete to secure; and
- Cover with native soils (excavation spoils) and/or surrounding duff.

At 50 sites, work will:

- Hand excavate up to 2-inches to level the surface, or bring in fill to create a level surface;
- Pour a 4-foot by 5-foot by 6-inch-deep slab of concrete; and
- Use four (4) bolts to secure the food locker to the concrete slab.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

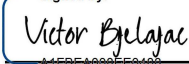
EXEMPT STATUS:

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

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use included as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; 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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Signed by:


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 District Superintendent DATE
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