



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Grove Nature/Exhibit Trails – Accessibility Improvement

**LOCATION:** Richardson Grove State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Upgrade existing facilities at Richardson Grove State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the “California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines”. Work will:

- Excavate up to 6” deep, add aggregate, and compact to level approximately 3000 feet of 4.5’ wide trail.
- Trim/brush/remove vegetation within two feet of the edge of the trail.
- Excavate 6” deep and 8” wide, place wood logs or boards to construct less than 24” high wood retaining walls along approximately 200’ of existing trail to level.
- Excavate 8” wide and up to 36” deep to install two information signs and three directional signs.
- Remove two non-compliant benches and install up to five new compliant benches along the trail(s).
- Excavate holes 8” wide and up to 36” deep to relocate 11 interpretive panels.
- Replace or remove interpretive elements at three redwood log sections to meet ADA guidelines.
- Excavate 8” wide and up to 36” deep for post holes to move or replace 375’ of split rail fence.
- Trim/brush vegetation from a 375 sf area to allow viewing of the river and maintain for the next five years.
- Re-stripe the existing ADA parking.
- Replace the non-compliant redwood drinking fountain next to the visitor center with a compliant version
- Remove aggregate, old wood retaining wall and railing over the Durphy Creek box culvert; reconstruct the approximately 10’ long X 24” tall wood retaining wall, construct railing, and import aggregate to level trail.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Acquisition and Development

**EXEMPT STATUS:**  Categorical Exemption      Classes: 1, 3, 4      Sections: 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as “modification of existing facilities for handicap access” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4, the construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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