



State of California – The Resources 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: Nearshore Dunes Trail Reroute and Sign Installation
LOCATION: Little River State Beach
COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Reroute two segments of the Nearshore Dunes Trail and install three interpretative signs at Little River State Beach to eliminate further damage to a sensitive habitat. Work will:

- Use hand tools to construct two five foot wide segments of trail into native sand base: (1) north segment- 240 feet in length (2) south segment- 348 feet in length
- Restore bypassed trail area to natural conditions utilizing suitable material generated during the reroute construction to cover the old sections of trail near the intersections with the new trail segments. Symbolic fencing (½ inch diameter metal posts driven into the sand approximately 10 feet apart and connected by a single line of rope) may be installed to block off the old trail segments to allow for rehabilitation.
- Install two signs at the north beach trailhead with one on each side of the stairs, and install a third at the intersection of the South Beach and Backdune Trails adjacent to the trailhead.
- Excavate up to three feet deep and pour concrete for footings for each sign. Install signs on 4 x 4 inch posts 36 inches above the ground at a 45° angle to meet ADA standards.
- Use hand tools to remove exotic plants located along the new trail alignment: European beachgrass (*Ammophila arenaria*), sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*), and coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*).

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

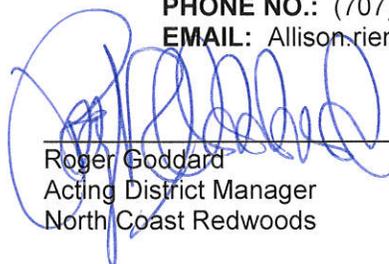
Class: 3, 4, 33

Section: 15303, 15304, 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and consists of restoration that does not exceed five acres in size for plant and wildlife habitat; included as "trail construction or realignment," "installation of interpretive signs," and "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreations list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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