



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

CEQA # 10825

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
303 Big Trees Park Road  
Felton, CA 95018

**PROJECT TITLE:** Coastal Bluff Restoration

**LOCATION:** Lighthouse Field S.B., Seabright S.B. and Natural Bridges S.B.      **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Restore native biodiversity to three coastal bluff sites by removing non-native species and re-establishing with native plant species found in Northern Coastal Bluff Scrub and Coastal Terrace Prairie plant communities located at Lighthouse Field State Beach, Seabright State Beach and Natural Bridges State Beach.

Work will:

- Manually pull exotic invasive Ice Plant from the coastal bluff habitat at Lighthouse Field State Beach (8500 feet) and Seabright State Beach (13,000 feet), and the ocean side of the car park and kiosk at Natural Bridges State Beach and pile onsite to desiccate;
- Haul piled Ice Plant off-site to a tipping site after it has desiccated;
- Place 2-3" layer of disease free locally sourced wood chips on cleared ground if determined necessary;
- Re-vegetate in late winter 2014 and 2015 with coastal native bluff plants grown to 6" container size from seed collected in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties;
- Install temporary three foot cable fencing around the re-vegetative sites to protect the plants from human traffic.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Santa Cruz District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption  
Class: 4 and 33

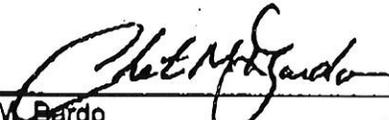
Section: 15304 and 15333

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and small habitat restoration projects not to exceeds five acres in size to assure maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for plants or wildlife in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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