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State of California – The Natural Resource 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: Big Lagoon Bog Exotic Plant Removal

LOCATION: Harry Merlo State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove exotic plants from an approximately 3-acre project area within the Big Lagoon bog and the immediately adjacent coastal scrub and forest in Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area (HMSRA). The project consists of removing exotic plants with hand tools (e.g. shovel, chainsaw, Pulaski) from within the project area and restoring the integrity of the bog.

Excavation will not exceed 24 inches. Chainsaws will be used to remove the upper portion of the plant and digging tools will be used to remove the root ball. An alternative method for removal should cultural resources restrict excavation would be to cut the vegetation to the ground and cover with tarps. Treatment efforts will be conducted after sensitive plants in the area have gone to seed (October 1-October 31).

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

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

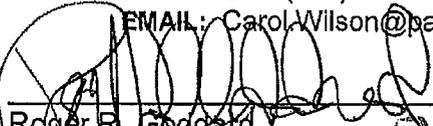
EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption *Class: 4, 33 Section: 15304, 15333*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor public alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees; and a project not exceeding five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of habitat for plants or wildlife; and is included as "projects to restore or enhance habitat that are carried out principally with hand labor and not mechanized equipment"; in " in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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