

**State of California
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: Mary Bowerman Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Improve severely degraded, failing, non-accessible sections and parking within the original trail prism of the Mary Bowerman Trail at Mount Diablo State Park to create .2 miles of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trail in proximity to the summit, protect resources and increase visitor safety.

- **Parking:** excavate up to 8" to place 18" of aggregate base with 5" of concrete on top to construct a new concrete van accessible parking stall, aisle and transition area within the existing paved area at the current trailhead, and excavate up to 36" for concrete post footings to install new traffic sign on Summit Road. Restore some surrounding soil to natural conditions, re-contour to drain away from paved surfaces and add approximately 4" mulch cover. Install approximately 24" cobble rock adjacent to parking stall to drain away from paved area.
- **Trailhead:** excavate up to 36" to install concrete post footings for new trailhead signage with an approximately 9'x9' level concrete landing; place 6"-8" rock over engineered fabric for slope protection around existing vegetation
- **Trail:** excavate up to 6" to remove existing asphalt; retaining wall, drain inlet and approximately 24" of scree behind retaining wall. Excavate up to 24" to place 6" of aggregate base with 5" of concrete on top treated with oxidizer to construct a 4' wide concrete trail with a 4' x6' concrete curb, up to 65" deep to install 4"x 60" steel hollow-core H-beams with 4"x12"x10' redwoods planks to construct a retaining wall up slope and up to 90" deep to install a 4" x 84" steel hollow-core H-beam with 4"x12"x10' redwoods planks to construct retaining wall backfilled with 4" drain rock at deck abutments. Install approximately 4'x4'x18" of 6"-8" rock to construct a rock energy dissipater downslope of the trail and excavate up to 10" to install 4" compacted aggregate over engineered fabric and set 3"-6" river cobble in a 5" mortar bed to construct an approximately 3' wide x 20' long rock-lined swale up slope of the trail.
- **Overlook Deck:** Place new blocking between existing joists to alter the decking configuration to run perpendicular to the path of travel, secure 2"x 6" redwood planks to replace decking and 6" redwoods curbing on upslope side, install 4"x 6' redwood post, 2"x 4" redwood rails at top, middle and bottom and 4" x 6' redwood brace to construct new 42" tall safety railing with safety mesh screening along the face of the deck. Replace benches and timber curbing.
- **Trail Terminus:** Excavate up to 24' to place 6" of aggregate base with 5" of concrete on top treated with oxidizer to construct a concrete overlook with a 4" x4" concrete curb within limits of existing paved surface, excavate up to 30" for concrete footings to install 2 new hi/lo spotting scopes, excavate up to 36" for concrete post footings to install a new interpretive panel and reinstall a salvaged interpretive panel. To excavate up to 45" to place 6" compacted aggregate base with approximately 36" of concrete on top to construct a concrete retaining wall treated with oxidizer and a 6" concrete curb on the upslope side.
- **Construction:** Install protective fencing around construction areas and stage equipment and materials in the existing dirt parking area across Summit Road.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Accessibility

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consist of the repair, maintenance and the minor alteration of public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as "modifications of existing facilities for persons with disabilities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; the 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 removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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