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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Hendy Woods State Park **COUNTY:** Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Improve numerous trail features at Hendy Woods State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Discovery Trail/Upper Loop work will reshape the crowned wall-less turn pike surface of the trail with new aggregate base rock to improve drainage and grade adjustments, install approximately 230 LF of new wooden boardwalk at select locations; manually excavate up to 36" deep to install new sign posts to improve navigation; excavate up to 18" deep to replace mud sill and construct a new up to 30' long X 10' wide wood stringer bridge over a small drainage on the lower loop. Construct approximately 200 LF of rock drain lens, 100 LF single tier log bordered turnpike, and 75 LF rock bordered causeway. Spread duff over all new aggregate base rock upon completion of work.

Meadow Trail work will construct a 34" long rock-bordered causeway to elevate the trail 6-12" to meet accessible grades from the Discovery Trail alignment to the Meadow Trail; construct a 410' long wall-less turnpike using stockpiled native soil and imported aggregate base to create a crowned trail surface to improve drainage.

All Access Trail work will reshape the wall-less turnpike along the entire trail; replace decking and handrails on two existing bridges, replace existing, rotting 2"X6" wood curbing; reconstruct the approaches to meet linear slope grade standards, rock the edging to prevent erosion; and manually excavate up to 36" deep to install new sign posts to improve navigation. Remove one deteriorated wood bridge: excavate up to 18" deep to replace mud sill and construct a new up to 30' long X 10' wide wood stringer bridge.

Additional work will fill an eroded gully on a section of entrenched road that intersects with the Lower Discovery Trail to spread water over a larger area to reduce erosion. Excavate up to 36" deep to replace several interpretive sign posts associated with a self-guided walk. Modify or replace 5-6 existing benches to meet accessibility standards. Temporary, partial trail closures expected throughout trail improvements.

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, 2, 3, 4 Section: 15301, 15302, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion beyond current levels; reconstruction of existing structures located at the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures; minor public alterations in the conditions of land which do not include removal of mature, healthy trees and is included as "modifications of existing facilities for access for people with disabilities" and "interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4.

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