



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:** Mt Tamalpais Mountain Theater Accessibility Improvements

**LOCATION:** Mount Tamalpais State Park      **COUNTY:** Marin

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Construct improvements in the Mountain Theater area of Mt. Tamalpais SP to improve accessibility and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Work will:

1. New ADA-compliant comfort station and parking.
  - a. Excavate a 15' x 12' area up to 6' in depth;
  - b. Excavate a 150' long x 1' wide x 3' deep utility trench for electrical service between the existing restroom and the new comfort station;
  - c. Excavate an approximately 200sf area up to 6" in depth and construct a 6" aggregate base (AB) 2-space parking lot with 6" thick stone border. The parking spaces will be connected to the new comfort station with an aggregate base pathway approximately 5' wide and 6" deep.
2. Trail between new comfort station and Mountain Theater.
  - a. Construct rock retaining walls where necessary on the downslope side of the trail varying from 6" to 18" in height and improve trail with compacted AB walkway approximately 5' wide and 6" thick; Remove the existing asphalt where the path crosses the existing roadway and replace with a level concrete surface; Remove and replace a 50' section of road asphalt to transition the roadway across the level path;
  - b. Install a rock dissipater downslope from the road where an existing drain line daylights, below the area where the trail cuts across the existing roadway.
  - c. Install new drinking fountain along the trail.
3. Wooden viewing platform.
  - a. Replace existing decking and broken posts and adjust rail height to comply with current ADA requirements. Work will require removal 5 existing posts and replacement in same location.
4. Lower theater aisle.
  - a. Widen the existing lower aisle by 4' to allow both wheel chair viewing and aisle-way space. Work will construct a dry-stacked rock wall 60' long on the south side of the orchestra pit and 100' long to the north. The aisle-way will have a rock retaining wall approximately 3' high at the end and back-filled with a compacted AB surface. Construction will require excavation up to 12" in depth x 160' in length to anchor the new retaining wall.
5. Drop-off area outside the existing restroom.
  - a. Remove the existing historic drinking fountain and an approximately 40' x 100' asphalt area from the existing roadway; excavate up to approximately 6" and install crushed rock base and install 40' x 100' x 6" reinforced concrete pad. Reinstall historic drinking fountain elevated approximately 12" to conform to the finish grade of adjacent new concrete paving.
  - b. Install a new trail from the drop-off area to the lower level of the mountain theater. The new trail will be approximately 180' long x 5' wide with up to a 3' high rock retaining wall on portions of the downhill side of the trail.
  - c. Install underground drain to remove rainwater from the area. Install approximately 70lf of 4" PVC drain line. Installation will require excavating a trench approximately 5' deep. The drain line would daylight downslope from the walkway to a rock dissipater approximately 20' long and 10' wide.

- 6. Mountain Theater entrance gate
  - a. Remove and replace up to 5,200sf of existing asphalt to provide a level area outside of the existing gate.

**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 and 4 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, & 15304*

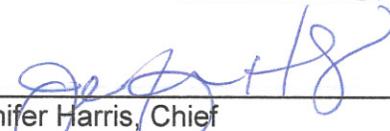
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographic features involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures/facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; construction of new small facilities or structures and the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "modifications of existing facilities for disabled access and construction of installation of restrooms", in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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