

**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: Accessibility Improvements Phase 2 – Upper Summit

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Complete ADA Improvements in the Upper Summit parking lot at Mount Diablo State Park to provide improved and accessible facilities to park visitors. The project will:

- **To install ADA compliant parking:**
 - Remove an approximately 35' x 20' patch of asphalt, excavate approximately 10" of soil and install 4" of compacted road base, covered with 5" of reinforced concrete;
 - Excavate an area approximately 24' x 6' x 9" and install approximately 4" of base rock covered with 4" of concrete to create a new accessible walkway;
 - Install one ADA compliant drinking fountain along the new path, between the parking spaces and the visitor's center and remove existing interpretive panel from current location and relocate for easier readability access.
 - Demolish an approximately 48' x 32' area to create transition from parking lot to new ADA parking spaces.
- **To improve the existing stairs:**
 - Demolish and remove the existing concrete stairs, hand railings and the first series of steps and sloped walkway;
 - Excavate approximately 6' x 15" x 50' for new steps and sloped walkway;
 - Excavate approximately six (6) 15" x 15" x 2' pits and pour 12" x 12" x 2' concrete footing foundations to install new 1 ½" stainless steel pipe railing, on both sides of the new walkway/stairs, approximately 37" above the top of the stair nosing;
 - The new stairs will be approximately 50 feet long and tie into the existing stairs at the west side door of the Visitor's Center.
- **To install new path of travel between ADA parking spaces and new stairs/walkway:**
 - Excavate approximately 30' x 6' x 9" of existing asphalt walkway and road base material;
 - Install 4" of new road base material and cover with 4" of reinforced concrete;
 - Install new ADA compliant concrete bench near the stairs leading down to the existing exterior restrooms and remove existing interpretive panel from current location and relocate for easier readability access.
- **To make restroom in Visitor Center ADA compliant:**
 - Demolish and remove existing east wall and construct a new wall located approximately 12" further to the east;
 - Relocate northwest interior wall of the room approximately 12" to allow for the required clearance between the lavatory and the existing fixtures;
 - Remove existing fixtures and replace with ADA compliant fixtures.
- **For ADA Improvements to the interior of the Visitor Center**
 - Remove existing handrails, install blocking anchored to the substrate;
 - Install new ADA compliant rails, mounted onto the blocking;
 - Replace existing interpretive topo map with a new, ADA compliant topographic map;

- Upgrade existing exhibits for compliance and add compliant identification signage to the interior rooms.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 31 Section: 15301,15302,15303,15304 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; the reconstruction of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; the construction and installation of a limited number of new small facilities; the minor alterations in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and is included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access," "installation park facilities such as interpretive panels, signs," in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and the modification of historic resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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