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Project ID #635-14-020

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
PO Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95520-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Install Interpretive Wayside Exhibits along Newton B. Drury Parkway

LOCATION: Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Fabricate and install 37 new interpretive wayside exhibits along Newton B. Drury Parkway in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to provide improved visitor information regarding landscape orientation and information about natural and cultural resources. Work will:

- Use power and/or hand tools to clear and remove vegetation up to five feet on each side of proposed exhibit locations;
- Use a skid loader to remove the existing out-of-date and inaccessible exhibits at 11 sites;
- Reuse existing postholes where possible. If not reused, backfill postholes with gravel or soil;
- Drill up to 69 - 12"diameter x 30" deep postholes using a mechanical auger;
- Install all new exhibits at eighteen (18) sites by cementing the posts of each exhibit in the postholes;
- Smooth and level ground surface around new exhibits and place compacted gravel in front of exhibits as needed to create a firm and stable ground surface;
- At the Big Tree parking area, remove one existing garbage can from current location;
- In area approximately 30' southeast of removed garbage can location, clear and remove vegetation from a 4' wide x 5' long area for new garbage can location;
- Excavate by hand, a 4' wide x 3' long x 4" deep footing area for new garbage can; and
- Bury pressure treated wood slats, cover with gravel, and install new garbage can.

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

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current level; the construction and location of limited numbers of new structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "installation of interpretive signs or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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