



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Literacy for Environmental Justice Healthy Habitats and Lifestyles Project

LOCATION: Candlestick Point State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** San Francisco

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Allow for the expansion of an existing native plant nursery and installation of up to six (6) campsites at two different sites in Candlestick Point State Recreation Area to restore and rehabilitate the ecological health of the area and provide increased recreational and educational opportunities both locally and regionally. Work will:

At Site A:

- Remove and recycle existing asphalt surfacing and fine grade the site to expand the existing native plant nursery by approximately 20,000ft² to the northeast. Install new permeable surface and install approximately 575' of new 8' chain link fence, plus vehicle and pedestrian gates, around expanded area. Additional work in the expanded native plant nursery will:
 - Provide water and electric serviced to the expanded nursery site with "stubs" for future service;
 - Excavate 12-18" to provide grading and base courses for finished surface accessible paths of travel throughout the existing community garden site and all the new areas;
 - Install approximately 1,200ft² of new L-shaped rows of wood-framed raised bed community garden plots adjacent to the existing community garden plots. The wood frames will be a maximum of 2' above grade and new plots will be accessible;
 - Construct a 60' x 80' prefabricated shade house with one accessible access point and an adjacent loading area;
 - Construct a 20' x 45' prefabricated steel head house and work space that will contain the primary work center and growing preparatory space for the nursery operation;
 - Construct a 150ft² wood storage container to function as a space for soil and container storage;
 - Construct a 5' x 15' trash storage area, enclosed with a 4' screened chain link fence;
 - Construct 500ft² of outdoor storage to be used for misc. storage that does not require shelter;
 - Install an 18' x 36' prefabricated poly-plastic greenhouse;
 - Move an existing 10' x 20' prefabricated steel storage container and an existing 8' x 20' prefabricated steel container office from next to the ranger building into the expanded nursery site;
 - Construct a 25' x 70' open-sided wood framed structure with a shed roof for group gathering;
 - Excavate to install seven (7) interpretive/educational signs in the community garden and native plant nursery;
 - Add an additional porta-toilet and outdoor sink;
 - Trench 12-15' below existing grade to install drip irrigation systems in the nursery and greenhouses;
 - Install a recessed gate and construct a 20' wide vehicular service access road off Carroll Avenue, at the easterly end of the nursery site. An additional gate at the other end of the service road will be installed to allow access into the park without having to travel on the local roads;
 - Install rain runoff capture and storage/distribution systems on the roofs of the existing ranger building and the proposed sheltered group gathering area for use as a secondary irrigation source for the native plant nursery and community gardens; and
 - Install 5,500ft² of native plant demonstration gardens and plantings outside the fencing on the northeast side of the nursery and gardens to provide a transition area for visitors from the community garden plots to the Yosemite Slough restoration area and Bay Trail.

At Site B:

- To construct Native Plant Restoration/Interpretive Trail and Walk/Boat-in Campsites work will:
 - Plant native coastal sage scrub and coastal grassland species grown in the on-site native plant nursery from locally collected seeds to restore approximately 133,446ft² (or 3.1 acres) of native habitat;
 - Excavate to construct approximately 430 LF of 5'-3' accessible trail to bring people off of the main service roads into the newly planted restoration site as well as access to two (2) walk/boat-in campsites on the south side of the main asphalt service road, and to a 7'x11' overlook on top of the hill with an interpretive signage;
 - Pave and improve approximately 400' of the existing service road along the north costal edge to serve as an accessible outdoor access route from four (4) future accessible campsites to the rest room. The existing gravel road surface will be excavated about 4" deep, re-compacted and covered with 4" of asphalt. Final road width will be 10' wide and the end of the asphalt width will be adjusted to meet with the existing gravel road width;
 - Install five (5) Interpretive/educational stations/signs at Sunrise Point. Three (3) along the main service road, one (1) along the accessible trail at the end of the new asphalt service road, and one (1) at the overlook on top of the hill. All stations/signs will be approximately 5'x5' with flat accessible surfacing in front of the interpretive panels, mounted on metal back panels supported on metal frames set in 3' deep concrete footings; and
 - Bike/boat-in campsites (6): Two areas are proposed for the 6 bike/boat-in campsites; four (4) will be located along the proposed asphalt service road and two (2) will be located along the proposed accessible trail on the south side of the main service road. A minimum of two (2) will be ADA accessible guidelines with 18' x18' compacted aggregate tent pads, 12' x 14' x 4" deep concrete pads with 8' long redwood picnic table, BBQ grill stands centered on a 9'x9'x6" compacted aggregate pads and a food lockers. Two hose bib stations will be added to serve these campsites. The existing rest room facilities at the point will be upgraded to meet current accessibility guidelines, and the turn-around by the restroom will be transformed into a group gathering space.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

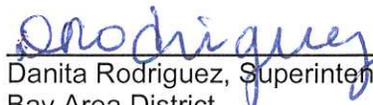
Categorical Exemption *Class: 3, 4, 33* *Section: 15303, 15304, 15333*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

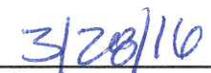
Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and the minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and the a project not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife, and is included as "Installation of restrooms, interpretive signing or panels, fencing and gates", "Trail construction or realignment" and "Revegetation with native plants" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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