

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Replace Rio Del Mar Comfort Station at Seacliff State Beach

LOCATION: Seacliff State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Construct new ADA-compliant comfort station (CS), replacing existing non-historic restroom building in the Rio Del Mar area of Seacliff State Beach. Demolish existing restroom and surrounding paving. Conduct archival research and geotechnical testing in immediate project area to determine allowable bearing pressures; foundation support criteria (including seismic considerations); site grading; and drainage/subdrainage recommendations for use in design and construction. At the discretion of a DPR-qualified engineer/geologist, geotechnical field exploration may include 1-2 sampled test borings to 15-30±ft depth supplemented by 1-2 auger identification borings. Soil samples would be recovered from the borings at 3-5±ft intervals using "Standard Penetration" equipment. Earth materials would be field-classified and borings logged (including groundwater conditions) by an engineer/geologist. New CS will be constructed on intact or re-graded beach sand; no site grading outside of the existing CS site is anticipated.

Construct new CS with 2 accessible and three standard unisex toilets within the footprint of existing building, adding a sand barrier, ADA compliant drinking fountain and trash receptacles, and an ADA compliant, free standing rinsing shower to the new building. Connect new CS to existing water connection and drainage systems, and the connection to the existing gravity feed sewer line would be replaced and relocated. Construct concrete access ramp from proposed CS to adjacent beach. (Ramp from new CS pad down +/- 6 inches into sand). Improve path of travel between the parking lot, comfort station and beach. Coordinate with City regarding accessible parking modifications to City parking lot. Modify surface of pedestrian path of travel on west side of creek.

Project will improve public safety and visitor access while supporting continued use and maintenance of the park unit.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1,3,6 Section: 15301, 15303, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of geotechnical research at the proposed project site, minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible expansion beyond current use, and new construction of a small structure where specialist review has identified no significant impact; included as "soils and structural engineering tests," "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access," and "new construction or conversion of small structures" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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