

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Mendocino District
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PROJECT TITLE: Crown Cove Trail Surface Improvements

LOCATION: Silver Strand State Beach, east of Silver Strand Blvd. (Highway 75) near Attu Avenue, at Crown Cove
COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Improve a portion of the Crown Cove trail system on the Bay side of Silver Strand State Beach to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. The existing surface is mostly a very soft sand material, which does not meet the Federal Access Boards guidelines for a firm and stable surface required for accessible trails. This project will include the placement of stabilized aggregate material within the existing trail bed of 725 linear feet of existing trail to a depth of 4" to 6". A new portion of trail totaling approximately 140 linear feet will be constructed, also with 4" to 6" deep of stabilized aggregate, to connect the existing trail to the exterior loop trail. Mitigation for the new trail extension segment will be to abandon and lightly scarify 4,560 square feet of existing trail, which currently bisects an improving coastal plant community. Scarification will take place on nonvegetated areas only. The imported aggregate material may be retained by 4"x4" wood timbers or by excavation of existing soil within the trail bed. The width of the trail surface will be 36" with one passing area measuring 60" x 60". Additional surface maintenance of 5,200 square feet will be conducted on the existing exterior loop trail where soft surface conditions exist.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: CA State Dept. of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition & Development

EXEMPT STATUS: **Categorical Exemption** **Class 1** **Section 15301**

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration of existing structures and features involving negligible expansion beyond current use and is included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" and "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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