

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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PROJECT TITLE: Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park **COUNTY:** Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Make improvements to facilities at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park in order to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. Work includes:

- **Main Park Area Picnic Area:** Improve 10 table areas for access. This will require minor leveling of the area, surface disturbance of 6" or less. If soil cannot be packed to a firm/stable consistency, decomposed granite or similar may need to be added to provide the firm stable surface. Tables will be replaced with accessible models. Existing water stations will be improved and drinking fountain will be replaced with a hi/lo model; both the water stations and drinking fountain will have small concrete pads associated with them installed.
- **Main Park Area Picnic Area Parking:** The parking will be restriped and five parking signs will be added.
- **CCC Building:** The existing wooden ramp will be removed and replaced with a new wooden ramp at a slope of 5% or less. New ramp will be approximately 10' longer than existing ramp and will be designed to be removable in the future. Ramp will lead to existing paved route. Interior counter will be lowered to 34" max. height.
- **Main Park Area Campground:** Minor site-levelling and maintenance will be performed at seven existing accessible sites. Project will also change furniture and water stations to accessible design. Four additional campsites will be modified for accessibility in the area of Rim Combo #4. These sites will be soil surfaced with non-paved parking. Decomposed granite may be added to improve surface. Surface disturbance will be 6" or less. Furniture will be changed to accessible models. Existing water stations adjacent to newly modified sites will be improved for accessibility.
- **Falls Loop Trail Area:** Modify existing benches by adding armrests or replace with accessible models. Provide a level 30"x48" area adjacent to benches. Replace existing drinking fountains with accessible hi/lo models. Modify four of the walk-in picnic sites for access. Provide firm surface by packing existing soils, change furniture to accessible models and modify existing water stations to accessible standards. Add 2" overlays of asphalt to the paved route to the falls overlook to lessen the slope.
- **Fisherman's Parking Lot:** Add two parking signs.
- **Lake Area Picnic Area:** Enlarge two existing concrete table pads by 3'. Provide a 48"-wide concrete walk from the existing entry to the two concrete table pads. Stripe and sign four accessible parking spaces across from entry and provide a crosswalk from the parking to the

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entry. Install a pedestrian crossing sign along road edge. Replace 15 of the existing tables and barbecues and improve existing water station.

- Boat Parking Area: Restripe and install sign for one boat parking space. Provide four accessible parking spaces for cars. Lower existing panel display and provide firm/stable soil surface around panel. From accessible parking to beach area, provide a 48" concrete walk and two table pads. The table pads and route will be along the upper edge of beach. Build a small beach wheelchair storage building, adjacent to the existing utility building by the fishing pier.
- Headwaters Camp: Improve two existing campsites for accessibility and replace the existing vault restrooms, two single units, with one double-unit vault building. Modifications to campsites to include: level site and pack soil to create a firm stable surface. If soil does not pack, decomposed granite or similar may need to be added to help firm the surface. Modify existing water station for accessibility. This will require a small 5'x5' concrete pad, and replacement of existing French drain. Install accessible table, food locker and fire ring. Excavation for vault will measure approximately 14'w x 12'l x 5'd. Restroom will have a 6' wide concrete apron on front of building.

All ground-disturbing activities will be coordinated with, and done in the presence of, a Native American monitor. Should ground-disturbing work result in finds of potentially significant archaeological remains, project work will halt and cultural staff from the Northern Service Center will be notified in order to prepare an appropriate data treatment program, which will be implemented either by or under the supervision of a DPR-qualified archaeologist before project work resumes.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, 15311

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" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4; replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; minor alterations in the condition of land that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

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