



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Coastal Trail Connection – Historic Waters Ridge Trail
LOCATION: Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, Highway One
COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Rehabilitate historic Waters Ridge Trail at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. This will connect the Tan Bark Trail to the Ewoldsen Trail and will become part of the California Coastal Trail system. Project involves rehabilitating approximately 1.1 miles of the existing trail and work is to include: clearing brush, preparing trail surface, installing drain dips for drainage maintenance, and installing two sets of rock steps. The brush will be cleared 6 feet across and 8 feet above the trail travel way and the trail surface will be 4 feet wide. All trail work will be done using hand tools, except for construction of the rock steps, which may require the use of rock drills. The existing trail and associated features will be documented prior to construction. Features associated with the trail will be re-used whenever possible.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:

California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class: 3, 4, 31 Section: 15303, 15304, 15331*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees and is included as "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4 and the construction of limited numbers of new, small structures. Project will be conducted in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and is consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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