

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Accessibility Modifications

LOCATION: Sugarloaf Ridge State Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Improve facilities within Sugarloaf Ridge State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Excavation required for the following work will reach 6" to 3' deep in different locations. Project locations and elements will include:

- At the Kiosk: Work will modify parking for an ADA van space, install correct signs, and improve the walkway in between ADA parking and the kiosk.
- At the Visitor Center: Work will modify counters, stairs, and cane detectors; install handrails, grab bars on benches, signs, and a Hi/Low drinking fountain with a hose bib; modify parking for a van accessible space and the walkway from the ADA parking to the existing visitor center and kiosk.
- At the Campground: Work will maintain existing ADA sites, convert an existing campsite to ADA compliant, replace furniture with accessible models, and modify water stations.
- At the Amphitheater: work will modify seating to provide room for 4 wheelchairs, modify existing fire pit, and replace redwood boards on the bridge to the amphitheater.
- At the Picnic Area: Work will convert 8 picnic sites by installing accessible furniture and small rock retaining walls; install a single ADA compliant vault restroom; modify existing parking to accommodate two ADA compliant spaces for a van and car; install signs; and modify the pathway to the picnic area.

DPR specialists will instruct the construction crew how to avoid sensitive resources.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Vista District

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion beyond current use included as "modifications 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 facilities where the new facilities will be located on the same site as the facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facility replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of the land and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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