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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Coastal Access Trail and Camping Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Pismo State Beach COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Upgrade existing facilities at Pismo State Beach to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines". Work will:

North Beach Campground (NB) Entrance Station Parking Area: replace asphalt with concrete to level the parking lot, stripe, mount signage, plane or remove a tree root and replace concrete to level a 5ft wide by 25 ft long walkway and install truncated domes as required.

NB Campsites: import approximately 2,500 cubic feet of gravel and replace asphalt with concrete to level seven campsites and expand each site by approximately 5' to obtain a 17' foot wide parking spaces. Excavate approximately seven - 4" deep by 120 square inch areas to pour concrete pads and up to 48" deep by 24" long and 48" wide for drain wells and modify faucets at existing water stations.

Monarch Butterfly Area: replace asphalt with concrete and re-stripe the parking area leading next to the Carpenter Creek footbridge to make an accessible parking space, and compact a path approximately 5' wide by 15' long from the parking area to the footbridge to level. Excavate six 1' by 1' holes to install concrete table anchors for an additional six tables, install six benches in the butterfly area, grade to level the approaches to interpretative panels and adjust heights where needed.

Oceano Campground: excavate up to 3' in diameter and 2' deep to replace three fire rings/stoves and up to 1' by 1' to anchor three replacement tables. Replace asphalt parking areas with concrete to level and expand by approximately 5' feet to obtain 17" foot wide parking spaces, excavate approximately three - 4" deep by 120 square inch areas to pour concrete pads and up to 48-inches deep by 24-inches long and 48-inches wide for drain wells and modify faucets at existing water stations.

Creek Trail Head Parking: overlay and stripe an approximately 300sqf area of the parking lot and add signage.

Creek Trail: excavate five holes 1' wide by 2' deep to install signposts, mount signs and excavate two trenches totaling approximately 60' long by 1' wide to construct two wood retaining walls that will be 1.5' high, excavate approximately 216 cubic feet of existing fill material and import up to 4,000 cubic feet of gravel to level approximately 3250 linear feet of trail. Replace two benches along the trail and remove approximately (6) 1-2" diameter limbs from a Monterey Pine tree and one 7" diameter limb from a Willow tree.

Boardwalk Reconstruction: level approximately 15' of the boardwalk by lifting one side and adding wood shunts and replace approximately 2000 linear feet of 2" high boardwalk curbing with a minimum 3" curb;

Carpenter Creek Footbridge: excavate approximately 27 cubic feet of dirt from around bridge ends to remove old bridge, excavate 2 holes for concrete bridge abutments approximately 7' long by 1.5' wide and 1.5' deep and place a new approximately 60 foot long footbridge;

Ocean View Trail: remove approximately 100 square feet of nonnative Ice Plant, import 750 cubic feet of gravel to provide a level and stable surface along the approximately 400 linear foot trail, install 4" by 6" wood edging around a pullout area and secure with rebar, excavate 1' wide and 2' deep to install sign post, and install a bench at the pullout.

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

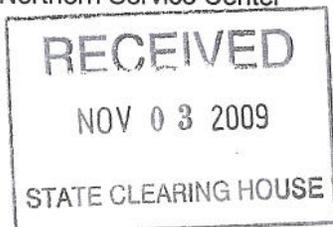
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

EXEMPT STATUS: [X] Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels 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, the construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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