

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Mendocino District
12301 North Hwy. 1 – Box 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Parking Lot Improvements

LOCATION: Montgomery Woods State Natural Reserve **COUNTY:** Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Make improvements to the parking area at Montgomery Woods State Natural Reserve to prevent erosion and enhance visitor experience. Work will

- Regrade and surface existing 6,000 sq. ft. parking area with compacted gravel.
- Pave 1000 sq. ft. entrance apron adjacent to the county road.
- Excavate approximately 6' deep, by 18' x 14' to install a 16' x 12' vault toilet in parking area and remove existing outhouse near picnic area.
- Excavate approximately 18" to construct 5' wide, 140' long ADA compliant trail surfaced with permeable pavers adjacent to parking area.
- Excavate to install 38 bollards in 3' deep cement footings, 4" diameter x 3'6" tall to separate parking from ADA trail.
- Excavate approximately 40 post hole to install 200 ft. of 3'6" tall hand split rail fence on posts buried 2.5' deep adjacent to trail to protect riparian area.
- Install approximate 1000 sq. ft. rounded redwood deck with 3'6" railing at west end of parking area. Place one regular and one ADA picnic table on deck; place 9'1" high three-sided kiosk with an 8' roof line on deck for interpretive information.
- Construct a 175' steel post and timber retaining wall on southside of parking area that varies in height between 2' and 5'6".
- Install one 6'3" tall x 8'11" wide entrance sign and one 4'8" tall x 4'11" wide trail sign, each supported by steel brackets set in 3' deep concrete footings.
- Construct three drainage swales, approximately 1' deep by 5-10 ft. long within riparian zone between trail and stream channel.
- Revegetate entire approximate 240' long x 25' wide riparian zone and all other disturbed areas with native plants salvaged from the site or propagated from materials collected on-site.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class: 3, 4, and 11* *Section: 15303, 15304, 15311*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities, included as "construction or installation of park facilities such as kiosks, restrooms, small parking lots, interpretive signing or panels, fencing, signs," in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4, minor public alterations in the condition of land which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and the construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities including as "installation of signs, placement of kiosks" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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