



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Bird Island Trail and Restroom Facilities Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Improve the Bird Island Trail, replace restrooms, and install new picnic and parking facilities at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve to meet accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." Work will:

- Construct approximately 265 linear feet (lf) of new 4 ft wide trail through existing picnic area.
- Construct three 4 ft wide reroutes along Bird Island Trail totaling approximately 815 lf and return decommissioned trail segments to a natural condition.
- Construct a total of 161 lf of rock retaining walls to elevate trail and replace stairs along Bird Island Trail alignment.
- Construct a new, approximately 45 ft fiberglass stringer bridge across a steep slope above Gibson Beach.
- Construct an approximately 3 ft high drystack rock wall to retain a new, approximately 300 ft² overlook area at Pelican Point.
- Replace a total of approximately 540 lf of damaged wood edging on downhill side of trail with recycled plastic lumber at select locations.
- Install up to 1 new trailhead signs at the existing parking lot area and at the top of the existing stair case.
- Construct new, approximately 160 ft² trailhead landing area adjacent to existing parking lot area to meet accessibility standards.
- Install new, approximately 80 ft long by 3 ft high split rail fence adjacent to trail near trailhead to direct people onto the trail.
- Replace and relocate three wood benches to meet accessibility standards.
- Reconstruct 4 ft wide trail tread along the entire length (2855 lf) of the Bird Island Trail to a stabilized aggregate surface.
- Decompact and revegetate all abandoned trail segments and other areas affected by construction.
- Salvage/replace existing or install new wire interpretive guides along trail.
- In the existing Day Use Area, construct four approximately 46 ft long retaining walls; Grade and level approximately 250 ft² areas above retaining walls to install four landings with approximately 250 ft² picnic pads; and install picnic furniture.
- Remove two existing outhouses; grade and level an approximately 450 ft² area; and install one new restroom.
- Remove asphalt concrete (AC) and grade, pave, and re-stripe an approximately 500 ft² area in the existing parking lot area to convert three non-accessible parking spaces into two accessible spaces. Install up to 2 accessible parking signs.

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 *Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities and topographic features; replacement of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap purposes," "trail or road repairs," "installation of park facilities such as fencing and signs" "trail construction or realignment" and "trail removal" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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