



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: ADA Improvements Project

LOCATION: Morro Bay State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project proposes to make accessibility improvements in accordance with the American's with Disabilities Act. Accessibility improvements are to occur in three areas of Morro Bay SP: The Museum, Marina, and Picnic Grounds & Campfire Center.

Museum accessibility improvements include modifications to the building, including furniture, hardware and entries, as well as accessibility upgrades to the existing restroom, ADA upgrades to an existing picnic/overlook area, accessible path of travel from parking lot to Museum entrance, ADA-compliant parking in the existing parking lot, and upgrades and modifications to other associated amenities. Minor grading may be required.

Marina improvements include replacement of the existing restroom with an ADA compliant restroom in the same general location. The project will provide ADA-compliant parking and an accessible outdoor shower and associated utilities. The existing septic tank and sanitary sewer lines will be replaced. Some trenching and excavation will be necessary. Temporary restroom facilities will be provided during construction.

ADA improvements to the Picnic Grounds and Campfire Center will include replacement of existing water stations, development of new accessible picnic sites, modifications to the existing campfire center seating and lectern cabinetry, replacement of the existing fire ring, and upgrades and modifications to other associated amenities. ADA-compliant parking spaces will be provided as well as an accessible path of travel. Fencing is proposed to screen adjacent maintenance and storage areas from the accessible path of travel. Excavation and trenching will be required.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 1 Section(s): 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.

An environmental scientist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.

A cultural resource specialist/Native American will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.

Work done on or around historical resources, including CCC rock work, will be done in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

Project consists of upgrades or modifications of existing facilities, with negligible or no expansion of existing use, in order to meet ADA requirements and is included in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§15300.4

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