

State of California – The Natural Resource 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: Weather Station Install, Mill Creek Watershed Office & Boyes Prairie

LOCATION: Prairie Creek State Park and Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Humboldt and Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install two new weather stations and towers, one at the Mill Creek Watershed office, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, and one at Boyes Prairie, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to replace existing outdated weather stations with modern versions to provide park staff and the public with access to real-time meteorological data via the internet. Work at each of the two locations will:

- Adjacent to the existing weather stations, excavate by hand or gas powered auger a 2' deep by 2' wide by 2' long area, pour concrete, and mount a 10-foot tall weather station tower;
- Adjacent to the new tower locations, excavate by hand a 3' long by 1' wide by 2' deep trench and install a soil moisture sensor;
- Download data, dismantle, and remove the existing outdated weather stations;
- Around each new tower location, excavate by hand or gas powered auger four (4) 1' diameter by (up to) 2.5' deep holes, fill with cement and place corner posts, and install security fencing (6-foot tall chain link with plastic slats at the Mill Creek Watershed office and 4-foot tall split rail style at Boyes Prairie). Each side will be approximately eight (8') feet in length; and
- Manage vegetation within a 100-foot radius of each weather station tower to maintain the existing obstruction-free horizon from the top of each tower.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 2, 4, 6

Section: 15302, 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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