



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Russian Gulch Water Systems Upgrades

LOCATION: Russian Gulch State Park

COUNTY: Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will replace various failing components of the existing water supply system at Russian Gulch State Park to provide reliable and adequate water for the for park use and fire protection. Specifically, the project will:

For Water Line Replacement:

- Excavate a total of approx. 4,522 feet of 3-ft deep x 3-ft wide trenches within existing paved roads and install new 8-in. (290 ft.), 3-in. (3,750 ft. – with approx. 40 ft of the new attached to the under structure of the existing bridge) and 1-in. (482 ft.) water lines;
 - For the 8-in. line install, excavate a 3-ft x 4-ft x 3-ft hole to install a utility vault for a new wharf hydrant valve; and
 - For the 3-in. line installation, excavate to install six (6) 3-ft x 3-ft x 2-ft vaults to install six (6) gate valves.
- Excavate two (2) 10-ft x 15-ft by 5-ft deep pits (1 on each side of Highway 1), to directionally drill an approx. 4-ft deep by 290-ft long to install a 10-in conduit for both electrical and water lines.

For the Water Treatment Plant Communications:

- Excavate a 3-ft x 1-ft x 3,589 ft long trench and install a 2-in. signal conduit in a shared waterline trench and excavate for nine (9) 2-ft x 3-ft x 1.5-ft vaults; and
- Excavate a 3-ft x 2-ft x 4,478 ft long trench and install only 2-in. signal conduit and excavate for 16, 2-ft x 3-ft x 1.5 ft vaults.

At the Existing Water Storage Tanks

- Replace all existing inlet and outlet piping on the existing redwood water storage tanks;
- Install new liners in the existing redwood water storage tanks; and
- Install new tank ladders.

At the Beach:

- Excavate a 50 sq. ft x 1-ft deep area and pour a 6-in. concrete pad over 6-in of drain rock to install a beach rinse shower and associated sump.

For directional drilling, drilling fluid will require a safe handling and spill plan will be submitted to both DPR and Cal Trans and will require implementation of Best Management Practices. Once drilling is complete, the pits will be backfilled with native soil.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ **Categorical Exemption**

Class: 1, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no

expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of new equipment and facilities in small structures, and is listed as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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