

**CEQA # 14595**  
**District Project # 635-24-038**



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
North Coast Redwoods District  
PO Box 2006  
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

**PROJECT TITLE:** Durphy Trail Bridge Project

**LOCATION:** Richardson Grove State Park      **COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project proposes to replace two (2) footbridges along the Durphy Trail in Richardson Grove State Park with bridge made of materials that will withstand decay and prevent catastrophic bridge failure. For each bridge, work will use hand, gas or generator powered tools for the following:

- Suspend tarps beneath the existing bridges to catch small debris that may fall during removal or construction of the structures;
- Construct new abutments on the same pad as those of the old bridges;
- Install rigging to aid in the placement of larger structural components, i.e., mud sills, stringers, etc.; and
- Install decking and railing.

Treated wood and hardware will be removed from the site and disposed of at the maintenance yard and untreated redwood will be scattered, out of view, across the forest floor.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation, North Coast Redwoods District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption      *Class:* 1 & 2      *Section:* 15301 & 15302

**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 and consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities 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.

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