

CEQA # 14610
District Project # 635-26-015



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
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Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Predator Proofing Replacement and Repair Project

LOCATION: Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to replace existing wooden food lockers with metal boxes and install predator proof trash cans within Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area to provide predator proof storage and disposal for all human-introduced sources of food and reduce unwanted encounters with bears as well as the unintentional feeding and attraction of corvids.

Over the next 2 -3 years, approximately 170 wooden food storage boxes located within three (3) campgrounds will be replaced with metal food lockers with a designated "predator proof" design and will meet the requirements for ADA compliance in terms of height, reach and pounds of operating force.

Installation of the food lockers will be completed either by placing the food locker on metal posts cemented into 12-in x 12-in. holes or excavating to pour a cement pad and bolting the food locker to the pad. Predator proof trash cans will be installed using the same concrete slab method as some of the food lockers.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 2, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the replacement or reconstruction of existing structure 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; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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Signed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor Bjelajac". Below the signature is a small alphanumeric code: "A1FBEA008EE0488...".

Victor Bjelajac
District Superintendent
North Coast Redwoods District

9/30/2026

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