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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Date: October 03, 2023
Project Title: McNears Beach Pathway Repair
Project Location: McNears Beach Park, 201 Cantera Way, San Rafael, Marin County, California
Assessor Parcel: 184-030-16

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: Marin County Parks (MCP) is proposing to perform maintenance on the damaged pathway located at McNears Beach Park with the purpose of restoring the pathway to its original conditions and functionality and to prevent further damage to the path in the event of high-risk events. During a storm surge in winter of 2023, a wooden retaining wall and asphalt pathway on the northern end of the park were damaged. The damage includes approximately 16 feet of collapsed wooden beams and collapsed asphalt pavement. The proposed project would demolish and off-haul the existing damaged materials, create a new, 16-foot long 3-foot -tall concrete retaining wall, place approximately 12 tons of asphalt to recreate the pathway, and replace approximately 17 tons of riprap along the shoreline. MCP staff closed off the section of the pathway to public access due to safety concerns and will remain closed until the repairs are made. Project implementation is expected to occur in October 2023. Equipment would include work trucks, excavator, skid steer, roller, and paver and would require approximately 10 working days to complete. Staging areas would be restricted to existing MCP roads and trails or other areas that would avoid any significant impacts on sensitive natural resources. Access to the project area for vehicles and equipment would be from Cantera Way. During construction, the MCP would limit restrict public access to the pier for safety purposes and would install signs at the park entrance to notify users.

The project area is located on the western banks of San Pablo Bay. McNears Beach Park is a popular bayside park featuring a fishing pier, picnic areas, swimming pool, tennis courts, and walking paths. The 10-foot wide, asphalt walking paths lead visitors along the shoreline from the parking lot to the northern end of the park. No tree removal would be required to implement the proposed project and the project area is not within 100-feet of known eelgrass beds. The proposed project would not consist of dredged or fill material, remove vegetation, or result in the loss of habitat. No loss of fish or marine life is expected to result from implementation of the proposed project. Implementation of the proposed project would adhere to mitigation requirements and special conditions included in existing regulatory permits including from the USA Army Corps of Engineers Permit Number PN 72-69 and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Permit Number M72-35 that includes placement of rock slope protection and the path within the project area. The project area is not within CA Department of Fish and Wildlife jurisdiction.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Max Korten, Director

Reasons for Exemption: Marin County Parks has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

Section 15269: Emergency Projects. The proposed project consists of an emergency repair to a publicly owned service facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health and safety.

Section 15301: Existing Facilities. The proposed project consists of the repair of 16 feet of publicly accessed pathway. Implementation of the proposed project would involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Implementation of the proposed project would not result in cumulative impacts; significant impacts on the environment due to unusual circumstances; or affect the significance of historical resources. The proposed project is not located within an officially designated scenic highway or on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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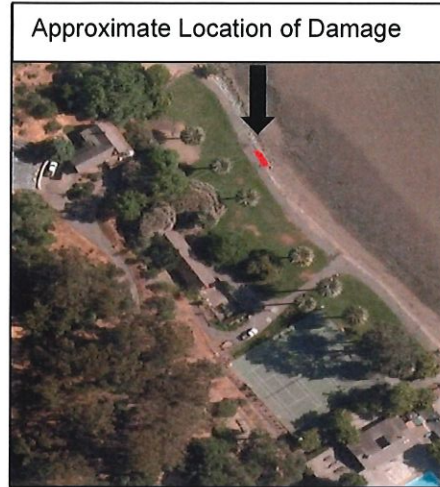


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MCNEARS BEACH PATHWAY REPAIR

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Project Location



Representative Photos of Damage



Repair

