



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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DATE: October 20, 2020
PROJECT TITLE: BLACKPOINT BOAT LAUNCH – VISITOR UPGRADE PROJECT
PROJECT LOCATION: 200 Harbor Drive, Novato, Marin County, California
ASSESSORS’ PARCEL: 157-012-15, 157-012-16, 157-011-17

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to upgrade visitor amenities. Marin County Parks manages Black Point Boat Launch along the Petaluma River near Novato. Black Point Boat Launch is a San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail trailhead and is the only boating facility within Marin County that provides public access to the Petaluma River, San Pablo Bay, and San Francisco Bay. The boat launch was built in 1962 and renovated in 2007 and 2009 using California Department of Boating and Waterways grants. Renovations in 2007 and 2009 include a dock, ramp, a pump-out station, a restroom, a fish cleaning station, a boat washdown, picnic areas and an concrete pathway with rails between the parking area and the waters edge, all of which were compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines. The boat launch and picnic areas have become popular locations for fishing and family gatherings.

The proposed project would remove and replace site furnishings including trash and recycling receptacles, picnic tables, bike racks, and irrigated landscape to provide shade. A new a small shade structure would be installed over the picnic tables. All of the work is in upland areas though the area where the picnic tables are located, including the existing asphalt concrete pad and where the new shade structure would be located are within the 100-foot shoreline band and therefore within Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) jurisdiction. A sign was installed as part of the 2015 Water Trail Designation and provides the educational element required as part of the existing BCDC permit. Construction access would be from Harbor Drive and construction staging would occur in the parking area across the street from the Blackpoint Boat Launch. Construction would be completed within 4 to 5 months and construction equipment would include transfer dump trucks, pick up trucks, back hoe, excavator, hydraulic drive head mounted on skid steer, excavator or backhoe for helical pier foundations. The proposed project would be funded through the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation-Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement-Recreational Use Grant Program

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks and Open Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Marin County Parks

Reasons for Exemption: The MCOSD 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 15301: Existing Facilities: The project consists of maintenance and minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in significant impacts based on location and would not impact an environmental resource or any designated environmental resource of critical concern. The project area is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 or within a state scenic highway. Implementation of the proposed project would not affect scenic resources, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, result in cumulative impacts; or result in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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