



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Pétanque and Dog Park Accessible Pathway

PROJECT LOCATION: Marin Civic Center. 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, Marin County, California

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL: 179-270-11

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purposes of the proposed project are to provide accessible parking and a path to the Pierre Joske pétanque courts and Fields of Dogs dog park, and to improve site drainage.

The project area is located on the west side of the existing pétanque courts and the dog park along Civic Center Drive. The project area currently has an unpaved dirt path leading from the adjacent parking lot to the gates of the existing pétanque courts and dog park. The dirt path is impacted by surface runoff or ponding during or after major rain events. The entrance gate at the dog park is deteriorating and is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines. While the pétanque court and dog park are adjacent to a parking area, there is currently no accessible parking spaces.

The proposed project would include:

- Two concrete accessible vehicle parking stalls, along with an 8-foot-wide concrete path leading from the ADA parking stalls to the existing pétanque courts & dog park. The existing chain link gate enclosure at the dog park would be demolished and replaced with an enlarged ADA compliant gate entrance enclosure.
- Three catch basins and underground drainage pipes to receive runoff and prevent ponding on the east side of the path and a swale along the west side of the path to direct the surface runoff to the existing culvert on the northwest corner of the project area.
- Additional signage may be incorporated for wayfinding and identification per Marin County Park standards. Signs typically would be wood or steel posts with concrete footings and metal or wood signs.

The total project area would be 0.20 acres including approximately 1,920 square feet of new impervious surface area. The maximum depth of ground disturbance would be 7 feet for the storm drain trench. The remainder of ground disturbance would include minor grading for the pathway.

Project implementation is anticipated to occur during an approximately 8-week period between April to October 2025. Trucks would deliver new equipment and materials, a small backhoe and front loader would be utilized for trenching operations to install underground storm drains and catch basins, and for fine grading and subgrade preparation for the path. Concrete trucks would deliver ready-mix concrete for pathway and stalls. During project implementation, a portion of the parking lot and the entry gates to the dog park and the pétanque courts would be closed. Temporary alternative access to the dog park would be provided. The existing entry gate on the north side would remain open to access to the pétanque courts during project implementation.

No vegetation or trees would be removed, and no wetlands or other surface waters would be affected by project implementation. For these reasons, no regulatory permit authorizations would be required. Erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) including straw wattles and silt fencing are expected to be utilized as needed and per Marin County Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention (MCSTOPPP) requirements to protect the storm water drain inlet.

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Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Chris Chamberlain, Acting Director of Marin County Parks

Reasons for Exemption: Marin County Parks has reviewed the proposed project along with its environmental setting and 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 proposed project consists of a minor alteration of existing public facilities, including structures and mechanical equipment, involving negligible expansion of existing use. 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 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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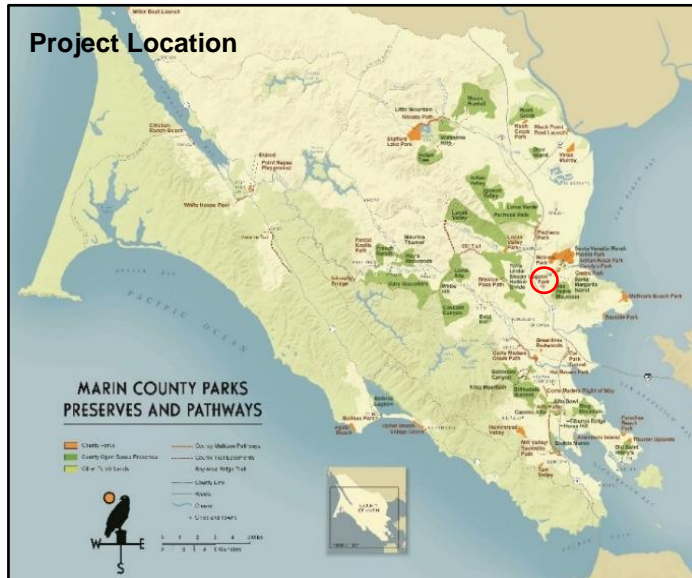
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

Marin Civic Center Pétanque and Dog Park Accessible Pathway

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Project Area



Representative Photos of Existing Conditions at Project Area

