State of California – Natural Resources Agency

Memorandum

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From : Joel Bonilla, Environmental Coordinator
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Subject: Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment for Manchester State Park Accessibility Improvements Project

The project is located within the Mendocino County Coastal Zone which is considered a sensitive corridor regarding visual resources. Ocean views are available from the park along the stretch of beach adjacent to the group campground. Manchester State Park features a beach, sand dunes, and flat grasslands, with nearly 18,000 feet of ocean frontage.

Accessibility improvements are proposed for the campground, campfire center, group camp, day-use area and trailhead. A detailed list of improvements can be found in the project application. In summary the majority of proposed accessility improvements are to existing structures or developed areas.

The campgrounds, campfire center, group camp, day-use and trailhead are not visible from the beach or highway. The proposed structures are designed to match the rural visual character of this coastal location. The heights and locations of proposed accessibility improvements, signage, water stations, and paths-of-travel are minimized such that no ocean views would be reduced.

Visual access to coastal resources would be increased by improved paths-of-travel within the park, with respect to ADA considerations. This review indicates that the project would not affect designated scenic resource as defined by CEQA statutes or guidelines, or by California State Parks guidelines.

Sincerely,

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