

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
750 Hearst Castle Rd
San Simeon, CA 93452

PROJECT TITLE: Hearst Castle Flower Bed Rock Wall Restoration Project

LOCATION: Hearst Castle State Historic Monument COUNTY: San Luis Obispo County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Reconstruct the existing one (1) foot high dry stacked rock retaining walls in the Hearst Castle State Historic Monument flower beds E-2 and A-9 to reduce soil grade run-off. Work will relocate the existing walls totaling 66 ft in length to within 2 1/2 feet from the edge of the walkway and rebuild them to a height of one and one half (1 1/2) feet. Additionally, the wall will skirt the base of the Mexican fan palm tree. The small upper rock wall will be removed and up to 120 square feet of flower bed soils will be re-contoured and the flowers re-planted.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Classes 1, 4 & 31: Sections: 15301, 15304 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of the repair, maintenance and minor alteration of public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; minor public alteration in the condition of land and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees; and the maintenance, restoration, and preservation of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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