



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Monterey District
2211 Garden Road
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PROJECT TITLE: Groundwater Monitoring Well Right of Entry Permits
LOCATION: Carmel River State Beach and Fort Ord Dunes State Park
COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue Right of Entry Permits for the ongoing monitoring of previously installed wells to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for wells at Carmel River State Beach and the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster for wells within Fort Ord Dunes State Park. There are eight wells at Carmel River State Beach and seven wells at Fort Ord Dunes State Park requiring monthly, bi-annual or annual monitoring. Permits will be for the operation and routine maintenance of wells utilized for the purpose of gathering data on water levels, the degree of any groundwater overdraft, seawater intrusion and water quality.

All work conducted in association with the Right of Entry will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class: 5 Section: 15305*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of a minor land use alteration in an area with an average slope of less than 20%, that will not result in any significant changes in land use or density, and is included as "issuance of permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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