



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Monterey District
2211 Garden Road
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PROJECT TITLE: Custom House Grass Removal

LOCATION: Monterey State Historic Park

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove a portion of the non-native grass from the Custom House upper plaza area at Monterey State Historic Park to conserve water and reduce maintenance costs. Work will:

- excavate to a depth of 4 inches to remove approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of grass ;
- fill excavated areas with decomposed granite which will be compacted and levelled;
- level nearby existing decomposed granite areas;
- install pavers over storm drains to allow infiltration near drain boxes;
- loosen soil around base of trees and install mulch; and
- replace sprinkler heads with water efficient models, for the areas of remaining grass.

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: 1, 4* *Section: 15301, 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor public alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR Section§ 15300.4.

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