

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  
San Luis Obispo Coast District  
750 Hearst Castle Rd.  
San Simeon, CA, 93452

PROJECT TITLE: Piedras Blancas Wetland Restoration

LOCATION: Hearst San Simeon State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove a barrier rock wall, a foundation for a former water tank, a water trough, a pump house and an existing water storage tank to located within or adjacent to a wetland located approximately 1 mile north of the Piedras Blancas Light Station at Heart San Simeon State Park to provide improved habitat for wildlife, restore natural and historic hydrologic function and restore the wetland to its original appearance and function. Work will use rubber-tired backhoe and truck, as well as hand power tools, to dismantle and remove structures. The wetland will be allowed to passively restore as plants encroach into the newly exposed areas. No excavation will take place and structures are determined to not be historic.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section: )
- Categorical Exemption

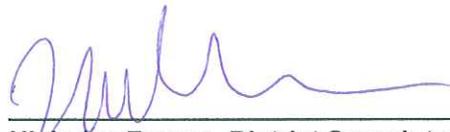
Class: 4 and 33 Section: 15304 and 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy mature or scenic trees and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§15300.4 and projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure restoration of habitat.

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