

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: Inn at Morro Bay Nature Trail

LOCATION: Morro Bay State Park COUNTY: San Luis Obispo County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) effective June 1, 2015 to September 1, 2015 to provide access and a grant a permanent easement to Imperial Coast LP/Inn at Morro Bay in Morro Bay State Park to resolve an existing encroachment and to repair and re-construct an existing, approximately 1,000 foot long, 5 foot wide informal, volunteer trail between State Park Road and the inn's parking lot. The improved, formal trail will connect the city side walk at the entrance of Morro Bay State Park with an existing trail and parking area at the Heron Rookery Natural Preserve. Work will:

- Excavate up to 50 cubic yards of baywood fine sands, eucalyptus duff, organic matter, soil and rock. Redistribute soils and organic matter adjacent to the trail to reduce slopes and aid drainage.
- Install up to 5,000 square feet of landscaping filter fabric in the trail footprint.
- Install 2,000 linear feet of 2 inch by 6 inch treated fir to serve as landscape edging on the trail sides to Accessibility (ADA) standards.
- Install and compact up to 100 cubic yards of class 2 road base and decomposed granite.
- Install two 40 cubic foot rock, drain lenses between the road and trail to eliminate erosional impacts.
- Install five 3 foot by 5 foot , 6 inch deep, concrete, ADA-compliant truncated domes between trail and driveways.
- Cut and remove existing driveway asphalt in a strip up to 5 five feet wide, and 40 feet long and install new asphalt along same strip up to 6 inches deep. Compact and roll to finish.
- Install two stop signs at the intersection of driveways and trail, each mounted on 10 foot tall galvanized steel, 4 inch diameter posts, set in concrete to a depth of 2 feet.
- Adjacent to stop signs, paint pedestrian stripes on each driveway at trail intersections with driveways.

The Inn at Morro Bay will notify State Parks at least 48 hours before work commences. All work conducted pursuant to this ROE and related project work will comply with all state and federal environmental laws, including but not limited to CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and conditions specified by this ROE and other permitting agencies

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

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

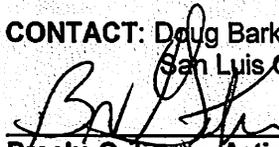
EXEMPT STATUS  Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 4, 5 Sections: 15301, 15304, 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographic features involving no expansion of use beyond that existing; minor public alterations in the condition of lands, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% that does not result in any changes in land use or density; included as "trail or road repairs", "trail construction or realignment" and "issuance of rights of way" and "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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