State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CEQA ID # 6483

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Scripps and Lodge Handrail Upgrades

LOCATION: Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds **COUNTY:** Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install hand railings and rebuild one non-historic stair landing to improve accessibility into and around the historic Scripps and Lodge buildings, two of Architect Julie Morgan's buildings at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds which contribute to the site's National Historic Landmark designation. The stairs and paths around the exterior of the buildings have been the location of many trips and falls as well as ADA complaint letters. No structural changes are proposed for either building. One non-historic stair landing will be rebuilt to give additional support for the handrails. Four, 18" holes will be dug under the landing to install backing, and the decking will be replaced. The hand railings near the buildings will be of the same bronze material, shape and size as the railings used at Engineer's Cottage, another Morgan building at Asilomar. Construction will require core drill holes through existing concrete and asphalt. Contractor will remove, cut and re-install Carmel Stone around handrail stanchions at stone areas.

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: 11 *Section:* 15311
Class: 31 *Section:* 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project involves installation of accessory structures in public facilities (Scripps and Lodge buildings) within a State Park, and is consistent with the Departmental List of Exempt Activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4. As the proposed construction will be conducted within a National Historic Landmark, all work shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.*

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