



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Temporary Installation of Audio Visual Cabling

LOCATION: Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds,
Asilomar Avenue and Sinex Avenue, Pacific Grove

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Temporary installation of video conferencing cable between the Merrill Hall and the Chapel at Asilomar Conference Grounds. Proposed route for cabling would be installed between Merrill Hall and Viewpoint and Social Hall using trees as supports. It would cross over the road way, go through the "ecology" between the flagpole and Lodge, crossing another drive and go through "ecology" below Whitecaps and terminating at Chapel. Seating capacity at Merrill Hall has been reduced due to on-going seismic retro-fit in the balcony. To accommodate conference attendees, a simultaneous live feed audio video broadcast of programs at Merrill Hall is proposed to be shown at Chapel. This requires the stringing of cable approximately 800 feet in length between the two facilities. Cable is to be strung at minimum height of 18 feet above roadway surface, and minimum of 12 feet above walkways. Ladders would be used to place soft fabric or rubber slings in trees to suspend cables where necessary. Specific route will be determined by state parks staff, typically the on-site environmental scientist, to avoid impacts to any sensitive plants, animals and or habitat. Existing penetrations of the exterior walls of the Chapel and Merrill Hall will be used to install new cables, if possible. Otherwise, only very small holes in hidden areas will be used. The cables will not be stapled to the interior walls of these building.

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, 31 Section: 15311, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction or placement of minor structures that are adjacent or are attached to, or that support activities associated with the main facility; and maintenance, repair of historical resources, 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 (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, and is included as "activities affecting historic resources, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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