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

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Molera Grasslands Restoration and Prescribed Burn
LOCATION: Andrew Molera State Park, Highway One
COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Restore the Coastal Prairie Plant Community in the eastern portion of Andrew Molera State Park that has deteriorated due to: (1) competition from non-native grasses; (2) encroachment by coyote brush; (3) lack of frequent, low intensity fires, and; (4) years of heavy grazing prior to acquisition by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Complete project in two phases: Phase I: Remove coyote brush using hand tools in selected locations (totaling approximately 50 acres) within the project area and spray area with 50/50 Garlon 4 herbicide-agricultural oil solution. Phase II: Following prepared Prescribed Burn Plan, conduct burn to promote and maintain the spread of native grass and forb species. The State Parks District Archaeologist shall be notified prior to the commencement of each project phase, in order to carry out post-burn survey and documentation measures and to develop protective measures for any previously unidentified cultural resources in the project area.

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:* 4 *Section:* 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "prescribed burns to restore native vegetation" and "resource management projects" on the Department's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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