



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Install Path and Interpretive Signs

**LOCATION:** Monterey State Historic Park  
**COUNTY:** Monterey

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Install path and interpretive signs at the Custom House, the Old Whaling Station and the Stevenson House within Monterey State Historic Park. Mount signs on posts with concrete footings in holes measuring 2' wide by 2.5' deep.

At the Custom House, work involves:

- Remove old interpretive panel and replace with new aluminum interpretive panel, 2' wide, approximately 4' high.
- Remove old tour sign and replace with new low-profile tour sign.
- Install new "Path of History" aluminum post-style sign near new low-profile tour sign.
- Install new stone-mounted California Historic Landmark plaque on steps of Custom House.
- Remove stone steps and sloped ramp on trail between plaza and Custom House. Install new accessible, decomposed granite path measuring 5' wide by 40' long.

At the Old Whaling Station and Stevenson House, work involves:

- Install two new aluminum interpretive panels, 2' wide by approximately 4' high.

A DPR archaeologist will monitor all ground disturbing activities to ensure that no cultural resources are impacted by the project. Signs and panels will comply with "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines."

**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                      Classes: 3, 4, 11                      Sections: 15303, 15304, 15311

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities; included as "installation of interpretive signs or panels," "trail construction or realignment," and "installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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