



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:** Casa Soberanes Monterey Cypress Hedge  
**LOCATION:** Monterey State Historic Park, corner of Pacific and Del Monte Streets  
**COUNTY:** Monterey

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove Monterey cypress hedge located at the Casa Soberanes adobe (California State Landmark No. 712) at Monterey State Historic Park. The hedge grows along the south and east portions of a concrete retaining wall and a stone wall constructed in the early 1920s. The hedge, planted in the 1930s, is now overgrown, the roots have compacted becoming a tripping hazard and the hedge is damaging the historic stone walls and retaining wall. The hedge will be replaced in-kind with Monterey cypress following the recommendations of State Historian: The trees will be replaced at a sufficient distance from the historic rock wall to ensure that no watering occurs within five (5) feet of any wall, including the stone wall in question. As outlined in the Monterey State Historic Park General Plan (June 1983) the new hedge will be “selectively pruned as to maximize views of the building.” This will be accomplished by adherence to the 2007 Landscape Maintenance Plan and long-term maintenance schedule for the hedge.

**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, 31 Section: 15304, 15331*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation and maintenance and repair of historic resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties included as “resource management projects” and “activities affecting historic resources” on the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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