



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Monterey District  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Underground Electrical Utility Line Conversion  
**LOCATION:** Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park  
**COUNTY:** Monterey

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install underground electrical distribution line and remove overhead power lines within Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park to remove hazard of collisions with power lines to the federally endangered California condor. Project involves hand clearing of vegetation as necessary, excavating an 18 inch wide x 36 inch deep x 1.3 mile long trench to parallel an existing fiber optic cable line, placing 4 inch diameter conduits inside trench, backfilling the trench after conduit has been installed and compacting the soil. Project also involves hand clearing vegetation in a 10 foot diameter area surrounding each pole, removing 24 above ground power poles by cutting the poles at their bases, removing 1.3 miles of transmission line, installing approximately three 3 feet wide x 5 feet long concrete splice-and-junction boxes, excavated in holes approximately 5 feet wide x 7 feet long x 5 feet deep. The use of straw wattles and water bars will be utilized as necessary to minimize erosion.

**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: 2 & 4 Section: 15302 & 15304*

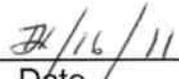
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**  
Project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced and minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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