

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
750 Hearst Castle Rd  
San Simeon, CA 93452

**PROJECT TITLE:** Forest Fuel Hazard Reduction Project

**LOCATION:** Hearst San Simeon State Park, Morro Bay State Park **COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Implement annual fuel reduction and reforestation measures in Hearst San Simeon State Park and Morro Bay State Park forests to reduce fire hazards from dead and dying trees. The treatment areas cover 150 acres at Hearst San Simeon State Park and 92 acres at Morro Bay State Park. Work will:

- Fell dead and diseased trees,
- Cut downed wood into manageable pieces,
- Create slash burn piles,
- Install scratch lines and wet down burn plot perimeters,
- Haul wood rounds off-site for green waste disposal or for the park firewood program,
- Burn slash piles,
- Field or understory broadcast burning in 1 acre to 15 acre plots, and
- Plant locally grown Monterey pine and coast live oak seedlings at a rate of 25 seedlings per acre.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks & Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Luis Obispo Coast

**EXEMPT STATUS**

Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, included as "Prescribed burns to reduce fuel loads" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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