

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: Replacement of Guide Trailers

LOCATION: Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument COUNTY: San Luis Obispo County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project will replace three (3) non-historic modular offices used by Hearst Castle guides at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument with new, energy efficient units that meet current building and accessibility codes. Work will:

- Demolish and remove the existing modulars and dispose of at a licensed site;
- Regrade the site including the road behind the guide offices to maintain access to the cellular communications towers and China Hill;
- Relocate an existing propane tank and the fence and gate behind the guide offices and remove 6 non-native, non-scenic trees that would be impacted by the realigned/relocated fence and gate;
- Excavate approx. 65, 3 ft deep holes for the relocated fence posts to be secured in concrete;
- Prepare the building pads and install two (2) new 48-feet by 24-feet modulars and one (1) new 36-feet by 60-feet modular; and
- Reconnect utilities, install accessible ramps to each modular, and plant native toyon trees and oleanders to screen the modulars from the tour route viewshed.

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 Classes: 1, 3 & 4 Sections: 15301, 15303 & 15304.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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