



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
2241 Harvard St., Ste 200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**PROJECT TITLE:** Reservoir #2 Replacement

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Construct an approximately 1.5-million-gallon water storage facility near the existing 1.5 million-gallon reinforced concrete Reservoir #2 at Hearst San Simeon State Historic Monument to provide additional water to meet park operational and safety needs. Work will:

- Excavate approx. 25,000 CY of soil (comprising an approx. 155-ft x 210-ft area) and construct a 1.5-million-gallon prestressed concrete water storage tank with an overall measurement of approx. 100-ft (outside diameter) x 40-ft tall. Tank will be finished in a non-reflective color appropriate for the site.
- Backfill around storage tank to help conceal from surrounding viewsheds.
- Excavate to install an approx. 10-ft long x 10-ft wide x 10-ft deep concrete vault for five (5) flow control valves.
- Excavate a 1600-ft-long, 24-in. wide x 44-in. deep utility trench within the existing maintenance road to install an 8-in. waterline to connect to the new tank and an 8-in. overflow HDPE drainpipe within an approx. 200 linear ft. portion of the utility trench.
- Excavate (2) 30-in. long x 24-in. wide x 30-in. deep pits and perform 1930 linear feet of directional drilling between the pits to install a 4-in. diameter HDPE water pipe between the new tank and an existing waterline serving the Hearst San Simeon campground.
- Excavate a 230-ft-long x 24-in. wide x 44-in. deep trench and install an 8-in. diameter pipe and a float valve connecting the new tank with the existing 8-in. waterline located within the maintenance road.
- Excavate an 86-ft-long x 24-in. wide x 48-in. deep trench and install a 12-in. diameter pipe to connect the new tank to the existing 8-in. water line located in the maintenance road.
- Excavate a 90-ft-long x 24-in. wide x 44-in. deep trench and install an 8-in. overflow pipe.
- Construct an approx. 120-ft long x 3-ft wide x 1-ft deep cobble-lined drainage swale to drain water away from the tank, and drainpipe.
- Construct an approx. 10-ft x 20-ft x 2-ft protected rip rap outfall for a drainpipe located at the head of an unnamed drainage; and
- Perform minor grading improvements and install 1746 CY of aggregate base (compacted to 6-in. depth) to approx. 6,250 linear ft of the existing maintenance road.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      *Class:* 1 & 4      *Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of an existing utility system and involves negligible or no expansion of capacity and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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