

**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: Hearst San Simeon SHM Italian Cypress Removal and Replacement

LOCATION: Hearst San Simeon State Historic Monument **COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Replace both pairs of cypress trees 33, 35, 36 and 37, that frame the north terrace of Hearst San Simeon SHM, as a result of a severe branch failure of historic oak number 32, which destroyed or damaged the adjacent Italian cypress trees. Work will:

Using chainsaws and high lift, remove the remaining 3 cypress trees. Remove the root-balls, chip and compost.

Install, anchors, and new irrigation system.

Using a forklift, raise the mature replacement trees over the North entrance terrace wall.

Install trees to maintain uniformity and symmetry and backfill.

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, 4 & 31 Section: 15301, 15304 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of the routine maintenance of existing landscaping or minor alteration of existing topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use, included as "landscape plant replacement" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and the maintenance and repair of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995) Weeks and Grimmer.

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