

**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: Pine Tree Removal C-House Terrace

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove two non-historic, self-seeded, pine trees adjacent to the historic orange orchard in order to promote improved orange tree growth. Using chainsaws, a wood chipper, and prescribed fire, remove the trees in sections and transport the smaller rounds offsite for chipping. Pile burn the larger rounds onsite when weather conditions are appropriate.

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, 31 Sections: 15301, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of the routine maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth or minor alteration of existing topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing use in accordance with CCR §15300.4; 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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