

**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 Castle Fire Apparatus Access Route

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Enhance fire-fighting response by improving two existing dirt roads for an all-weather contingency access route around Hearst Castle. For two separate segments, work will:

- Regrade 2 existing 12-foot wide road cuts totaling 2,380 feet in length or 48 cubic yards
- Install water bars and culverts as needed.
- Import approximately 360 cubic yards of locally sourced brown or red road base and install and compact to a depth of 4 inches.
- Excavate six 36-inch deep, 24-inch wide post holes totaling 4 cubic yards.
- Install three galvanized gate posts, three aluminum catch posts anchored in concrete and three gates with signage.

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: 1, 3 and 4 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, included as "trail or road repairs"; and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, included as "fencing and gates"; 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 and grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent; included in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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