

**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 modulares 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 modulares 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 modulares 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:**

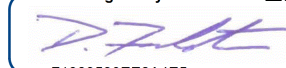
This project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion beyond current levels; construction and location 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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