

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FAX (916) 323-3018 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation Monterey District 2211 Garden Road Monterey, CA 93940

PROJECT TITLE: Cooper Grove Monarch Butterfly Habitat Improvement

LOCATION: Andrew Molera State Park

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Improve the habitat at the 2.5-acre Cooper blue gum eucalyptus Grove at Andrew Molera State Park to continue to provide an overwintering site for Monarch butterflies. Work will remove approximately 50-60 small trees to open up select areas of the grove for overwintering while retaining wind shelter.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class:* 33 *Section:* 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Consists of projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife.

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