



State of California – The Resources Agency
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: Removal and Replacement of Oak #30, and Windmill Palms #13, #16, and #18

LOCATION: Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Complete the removal of historic trees at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument that were uprooted during a storm on January 4, 2023. Historical trees numbered oak 30 and windmill palms 13 and 18 were blown down and partially uprooted. This project will remove any remaining root balls and remove the still standing windmill palm number 16, a 'twin' to windmill palm number 18. Work will:

- Use a chain saw, forklift, and a skid steer to remove windmill palm number 18;
- Use a skid steer to bring in replacement trees, native soil, and compost to old tree locations for planting;
- Install new drip irrigation lines and valves; and
- Install redwood stakes and tree straps to secure the newly planted trees.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions *Classes:* 1, 4, & 31 *Sections:* 15301, 15304 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and is 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 projects limited to maintenance, repair, restoration or preservation 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 & Grimmer.

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