
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: June 27, 2023 (Revised July 6, 2023)

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Office Modular Installation, Relocation, and Replacement Project —
Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument and State Park —
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Office Modular Installation, Relocation, and Replacement Project (Proposed Project). DPR has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The project is located at four sites within Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument and Hearst San Simeon State Park at 750 Hearst Castle Rd, San Simeon, CA 93452 and 500 San Simeon Creek Rd., Cambria, CA 93428, respectively. The Monument and the Park are located along Highway 1, approximately five miles north and one mile north of Cambria, respectively, in the County of San Luis Obispo.

Project Description: The Office Modular Installation, Relocation, and Replacement Project (Project) is a health and safety and historic resource protection project that will replace two existing office modular complexes that have outlived their useful lives and add new modular complexes to the Hearst Castle hilltop and the San Simeon Creek Campground.

The project includes widening a fire access road, adding new fire hydrants and fire sprinkler systems, adding new Accessibility features, upgrading electrical systems, and installing modern, energy efficient, well-insulated, modular buildings.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Based on the IS and supporting environmental analysis provided in this document, after inclusion of appropriate avoidance measures and best management practices (BMP's), the proposed Office Modular Relocation and Replacement Project would result in less than significant impacts for the following issues: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems and wildfire. All impacts are reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of project specific requirements and BMP's.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, State Parks acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites identified on the Cortese list within the project area reviewed by this Negative Declaration (ND).

IS/ND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the IS/MND will extend for 30 days starting **June 27, 2023 and ending August 14, 2023** (Revised). The IS/MND can also be viewed and/or downloaded on the DPR website: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=982

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/ND may be directed to Doug Barker, California Department of Parks and Recreation, SLO Coast District, 750 Hearst Castle Rd, San Simeon, CA 93452 or email: doug.barker@parks.ca.gov