

**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 Upper Road Emergency Repairs FEMA Event 4683

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Undertake an emergency road repair project at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument to repair damage from the March 2023 storms. The repairs will take place in the same area as a 2021-2022 emergency project that repaired all the drainage systems in the upper access road to Hearst Castle. Work will:

- Construct a 74-foot long, 8-foot tall, steel, soldier pile retaining wall; and
- Install erosion control measures at nine (9) locations along the upper road consisting of the following actions:
 - Remove and recompact slumping soil at the upslope roadway locations to repair erosion.
 - Install rock slope protection in the erosion-prone drainages.
 - Install straw wattles and check dams in the drainages.
 - Install hydroseeded erosion control blankets on exposed soil; and
 - Install earth berms to direct water to existing systems in the Pergola.

All project work will comply with California Public Resources Code, the California Fish and Game Code, the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Secretary of Interior standards for the preservation and treatment of historic resources.

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 Statutory Exemption Section: 21080 (b)(2)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project consists of emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service.

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