



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: Roman Pool Cork Tile Restoration Project

LOCATION: Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will restore the historical cork tiles on the ceiling of the indoor Roman Pool at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument to repair existing damage and help preserve this feature for park visitors. Work will:

- Remove the marble statuary and lamp standards from the pool deck and place in storage;
- Map and photo-document the existing 12-inch square cork tiles;
- Work with a contracted conservator and follow OSHA lead abatement procedures, to remove the existing cork tiles, saving intact tiles for future display, preservation, or restoration;
- Use a licensed lead abatement contractor to dispose of damaged tiles;
- Restore as many salvaged tiles as possible;
- Commission new cork tiles, painted to replicate the original artwork, to replace unsalvageable tiles;
- Attach the tiles to 5-foot wide, 5/8-inch-thick, honeycomb aluminum sheets of varying lengths, which will serve as an auxiliary support structure; and
- Use 1.5-inch aluminum fasteners and aluminum L-channel and U-channel structural strips to attach the cork tiled aluminum sheets to the concrete beams and soffits.

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 Exemption

Classes: 1 & 31

Section: 15301 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and project limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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