



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: Harmony Headlands Historic Cottage Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Harmony Headlands State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will repair the deteriorated features of the historic Harmony Headlands cottage, in Harmony Headlands State Park to return the building to its appearance when it served as a home to the Storni family, one of the county's last Swiss-Italian dairy clans. All new/replacement materials will match the dimensions, type, and color of existing materials to maintain historical accuracy. Work will:

- fumigate the house;
- grade and install a French drain around perimeter of the cottage to direct water runoff away from building;
- install a sump pump in the cellar beneath the cottage and tie into the main drain;
- rehabilitate, repair, and/or replace the flooring inside the cottage,;
- repair and replace the deteriorated shiplap siding on the cottage exterior as necessary,;
- replace the damaged and broken windows in the cottage, with new windows that match the original historical windows in appearance, size, and materials;
- replace exterior and interior lights in-kind as necessary;
- repair or replace in-kind the wooden handrail outside the front door of the cottage;
- repaint the interior and exterior of the house with a color (white) consistent with historical records;
- repair or replace interior doors and their hardware as necessary;
- re-roof the building with fire-resistant wood shingles that match the appearance of cottages of the period;
- replace in-kind the wooden decorative laths outside the cottage windows;
- repair/patch the drywall ceiling as necessary;
- add gutters and drainage system to the roof, and tie into the main drain; and
- replace electrical wiring as necessary to ensure a safe and operational electrical system in the cottage.

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 *Class:* 1, 4 & 31 *Section:* 15301, 15304 & 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; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and the 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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