



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sprinkler and Alarm Upgrades

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Replace existing, out of date, fire alarm devices and sprinkler systems in all hilltop spaces at Hearst San Simeon State Historic Monument to ensure the safety and protection of park visitors, staff, and facilities. Work will:

- Upgrade existing speakers (alarms) and connections with new in the three (3) Casa Grande Houses; the Neptune Pool Dressing Rooms and Mechanical Areas; the Roman Pool Building; the Hilltop Office Complex; Barracks 1,2,3 & 4 and associated dog kennel; the three (3) modular buildings located at the Guide Complex; and the China Hill Cell Structure, Maintenance Structure and Firehouse; and
- Upgrade the existing fire sprinklers (to meet current code requirements) in the basement rooms of the three (3) Casa Grande Houses; the Roman Pool Building; the Maintenance Yard shops and the Firehouse and adjacent shops.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      *Class:* 1, 2 & 31      *Section:* 15301, 15302 & 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** 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 "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and consists of projects 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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