



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: El Cuartel Seismic Retrofit, Roof Replacement, and ADA Ramp

LOCATION: El Presidio de Santa Barbara SHP **COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The El Cuartel building is a part of the Royal Presidio of Santa Barbara, constructed in 1788. There is no building reinforcement, making it at risk of unrepairable damage from a seismic event if not reinforced. The project will seismically stabilize the adobe building, restore the roof to its original configuration and introduce an accessible ramp for increased visitor accessibility.

Every effort will be made to maintain historic character and adhere to historic preservation guidelines. Further detail describing the work to be completed and measures to be implemented to avoid and minimize impact may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 Statutory Exemption (Section)
 Categorical Exemption

Class: #1, 2, 31

Section: #15301, 15302, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301, 15302 and 15331. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as defined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600 as:

- “Modifications of existing facilities for handicap access” (Class #1, §15301)
- “Reroofing” (Class #2, §15302)
- “Activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties” (Class #31, §15331)

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