



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: Cota-Knox House Seismic Retrofit & Restoration

LOCATION: El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project entails the restoration and seismic retrofit of the 1870 Cota-Knox house. The restoration will restore the original brick façade and portico in the front of the building and remove a circa 1930s enclosed porch at the rear of the building. The rear entrance to the Sala or Salon will be restored and accessed by a covered rear porch and new ADA-compliant ramp. The seismic retrofit of the structure will entail new footings, re-enforcement of the masonry walls, re-framing of the framed walls, and a new roof system.

Further project details and measures to be implemented to avoid and/or minimize environmental impact may be obtained by submitting a request to the District Chief Planner listed below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Channel Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption
Classes: 1, 4, 31 Sections: 15301, 15304, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under the following classes within the CDPR Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4:

- **Class 1, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities:** Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
- **Class 4, Section 15304 – Minor Alteration to Land:** Consists of minor alternations in the condition of land, water, and or vegetation that do not include healthy, mature, or scenic trees except for forestry purposes.
- **Class 31, Section 15331 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation:** Consists of maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic resources.

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