



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: La Purisima Mission S.H.P. Defensible Space Fuel Management

LOCATION: La Purisima Mission State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The Department of State Parks is conducting routine fuel management maintenance to comply with defensible space of structures fire safety mandates (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 1299.03). Prior to and during work, monitoring needs will be determined by the district’s Cultural and Natural Resource Specialists to minimize the potential for ground disturbance and minimize impacts to sensitive resources and/or habitat. Work crews will be limited to the use of hand tools for all vegetation clearing and tree felling. Tree stumps will be cut as near to the ground as possible without creating ground disturbance. No ground disturbance is expected from project activities.

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

Sections: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300. No ground disturbance is expected from project activities.

- **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. This exemption applies to the maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth.
- **Class 4, Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land**
Consists of the minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. This exemption applies to fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures to reduce flammable vegetation.

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