

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County of: Monterey County Clerks Office
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From: (Public Agency): _____
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
P.O. Box 223340, Carmel, CA 93922

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 COOPER BARN & RANGER STATION DEPUTY

Project Title: Garland Ranch Defensible Space Fuels Reduction Project (Cooper Barn & Ranger Station)

Project Applicant: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District 2026-0010

Project Location - Specific:

Garland Ranch Regional Park, 700 W Carmel Valley Rd, CA 93924

Project Location - City: Carmel Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project consists of defensible space fuels reduction maintenance surrounding critical park infrastructure, specifically the built structures of the Ranger Station and the historic Cooper Barn complex, as well as primary ingress/egress access roads adjacent to and leading to the same. A total of ~10 acres would be maintained under this project, including ~6 acres of defensible space treatments around structures, and ~4 acres roadside fuel buffer treatments.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Section 15304(i): Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA", (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300 et seq.) provides for 33 classes of categorical exemption from CEQA, including Class 4, section (i), which states that Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extreme hazardous fire conditions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Joshua Carpenter- Resource Conservation Specialist Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-330-1831

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 01/14/2026 Title: Resource Conservation Specialist

• Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____