

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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Project Title: Garland Ranch Regional Park Defensible Space Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Project Location - Specific:
117 Hitchcock Canyon Rd and 700 W. Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel CA93924

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Defensible space maintenance around the Garland Ranch Ranger Station, Cooper Barn complex, and the Kahn Ranch complex and all their associated outbuildings. Implementation of high-priority fuel reduction and defensible space maintenance within 100 feet of critical park structures and 30 feet of primary access routes. Work involves manual and mechanical thinning of understory vegetation, pruning trees (>6" DBH) to 8-10 feet, and managing residue via chipping or lopping to create vertical and horizontal separation (shaded fuel break). All activities adhere to PRC § 4291 standards. Following initial treatment, the District will perform maintenance activities approximately every 3-5 years.

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 extra 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: 02-10-2026 Title: Resource Conservation Specialist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.