



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

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
750 Hearst Castle Rd
San Simeon, CA 93452

PROJECT TITLE: Weep Hole Install and Removal and Replacement of Italian Cypress No. 16

LOCATION: Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove and replace the dead historic Italian Cypress tree, number 16, one of seven cypress trees in an evenly spaced row in garden area G-3 between the North Unfinished Entrance and the Hilltop Driveway at Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument. All seven trees were replaced in-kind in the 1990's. Work will:

- Use an aerial lift or bucket truck to remove the tree and piece down sections of the tree and cut down and leave the stump approximately 1 to 3 inches above grade;
- Remove resulting debris and discard into a dumpster as opposed to chipping in place;
- Remove the remaining stump and root system as deep and as wide as possible to create space for a replacement;
- Add additional weep holes to the planter beds as needed;
- Select the replacement based on the available space created and use native soil to plant the tree; and
- Irrigate manually until it becomes established.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Classes:* 1, 3, 4 & 31 *Sections:* 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; minor public or private alteration in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees; and projects limited to the maintenance, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995) Weeks and Grimmer.

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