

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Monterey County Clerks Office
 168 West Alisal Street, 1st floor
 Salinas, CA 93901

From: (Public Agency): _____
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
P.O. Box 223340, Carmel, CA 93922

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Project Title: Maintenance of Arboretum through MOU with Master Gardeners at Garland Ranch Regional Park

Project Applicant: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Project Location - Specific:

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

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project consists of a native garden and arboretum management: installation, general maintenance, and educational use of the arboretum and outdoor classroom space at the Garland Ranch Regional Park Arboretum. The public, lead agency, and partnering agency all benefit from this project.

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(b)(d); Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15304(b)(d)) for [SP4.1] minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Specific examples include: (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping. (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Savannah Pena Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-242-0240

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: *Savannah Pena* Date: 3-10-26 Title: Environmental Education Supervisor

▪ 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.