

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Monterey

168 W Alisal Street 1st Floor

Salinas, CA 93901

From: (Public Agency): City of Marina
211 Hillcrest Avenue
Marina, CA, 93933

(Address)

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Project Title: Children's Sensory Garden Project

Project Applicant: Community for Sustainable Monterey County (C4SM)

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Project Location - Specific:

190 Seaside Circle Marina, CA

2026-0077

Project Location - City: Marina

Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is an approximately 1,600 square foot volunteer led garden in the upland area of Locke Paddon Park on City property, adjacent to the existing library parking lot. The sensory garden would contain a flower and vegetable garden and a variety of small scale amenities intended to encourage curiosity, inquiry, and environmental literacy. The garden plant arrangements in the garden may evolve over time. Example amenities include electrical service, water for gardening and interactive features, a mud kitchen, benches and chairs, and natural play features such as stumps or boulders.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Marina

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Communities for Sustainable Monterey County (C4SM)

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: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, 15311
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

15301 applies to existing facilities, 15303 applies to new construction or conversion of small structures, 15304 applies to minor alterations to land, and 15311 applies to accessory structures. The project consists of a garden with play features and limited supporting infrastructure within an existing City park. The garden is located in an area of the park that consists of grasses and a bench, and is not in proximity to any sensitive habitat areas. These minor improvements would change the nature of the use, and none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions from CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Philip Angelo

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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: Philip Angelo Date: 6/3/26 Title: Senior Planner

✓ 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: _____