

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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: Food Forest Eagle Scout Project

Project Applicant: Community for Sustainable Monterey County (C4SM)

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Project Location - Specific:

190 Seaside Circle Marina, CA

2026-0076

Project Location - City: Marina

Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is a small volunteer led food garden ("food forest") on City property in the upland area of Locke Paddon Park, adjacent to the existing library parking lot. The project would be an eagle scout project, and is intended to promote environmental stewardship and youth leadership through the creation of a publicly accessible food garden.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Marina

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Community 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:

CEQA Guidelines section 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 is a minor alteration to land, consisting of gopher baskets, planted food (such as olive trees or small vegetables), and establishing irrigation in a small area within an existing 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 proposed would not 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

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 884-1217

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: _____