



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Department of Parks and Recreation – San Luis Obispo Coast District**

**District Superintendent's Order No. 740-2018-002**

Whereas: The dramatic growth and popularity of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) within the San Luis Obispo Coast District has numerous negative impacts including: protection of threatened species; threats to cultural and natural resources; high fire danger; public safety; recreational conflicts; impacts upon visitor experience privacy; and park unit classification. Therefore:

1. No person shall launch, land or operate a powered unmanned aircraft, or an unmanned glider aircraft within any park unit of the San Luis Obispo Coast District, unless authorized in accordance with this order. State Park regulations prohibit the use of motorized equipment (including UASs) within wilderness areas, cultural preserves, and natural preserves (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, § 4351.)

Exceptions to this directive may include the following:

- a. Commercial filming with the proper permitting for the use of UAS or other aircraft
  - b. Use by law enforcement or fire services under exigent circumstances with direct permission of from the District Superintendent
  - c. Scientific research conducted with permission of the District Superintendent
  - d. Other uses exempted by the District Superintendent by application
2. UAS and radio controlled model aircraft may be flown within operator eyesight (1000 feet radius) from a parking turnout on Van Gordon Creek Road at the Molinari Property within Hearst San Simeon State Park. The approximate position of the parking turnout is 35 deg. 36' 15"N, 121 deg. 07' 23"W.
  3. Exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by the District Superintendent, San Luis Obispo Coast District, 750 Hearst Castle Road, San Simeon, CA 93452.
  4. Nothing herein shall affect any existing contracts or property rights.
  5. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions by law.

6. This order has been posted pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4301(i).

So Ordered:  Date: 9/28/18

Dan Falat, District Superintendent, San Luis Obispo Coast District

Authority: California Public Resources Code 5003 and Code of Regulation Title 14, Sections 4326 & 4301 (i). Copies of this order have been filed with California State Parks, Office of Park Operations, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814