



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Crystal Cove State Park Road Work and Maintenance 2020

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project consists of road repairs, maintenance, and realignment along Moro Canyon Fire Road and Red Tail Ridge Fire Road/Deer Canyon Campground Access Road within Crystal Cove State Park. Moro Creek is located immediately adjacent to Moro Canyon Road, and has contributed to rapidly deteriorating road conditions, resulting in loss of emergency vehicle access, at time for months. Vegetation within the existing road prism will be trimmed to two feet beyond road edge. A biological monitor will survey vegetation prior to trimming and will flag and buffer any birds nests discovered. An archeological monitor will be on site in areas where sensitive cultural resources may be nearby to ensure avoidance. Work along Moro Canyon Road will consist of:

- filling in of road ruts using material generated locally, within the existing road prism;
- out-sloping sections of the road that are currently in-sloped and failing in order to restore surface flow;
- removal of upslope road berm to generate material to then be used to fill in failing portions of the road, raise the bed and out-slope the road surface to match grade with natural slope;
- realign routinely problematic sections by widening the upslope side of road;
- Install rolling dips and drain-outs to direct water flow off of road surface;
- repair headwall of an existing culvert;
- and other routine road maintenance as needed.

Work along Red Tail Ridge/Deer Canyon Access Road will consist of:

- filling in of road ruts using material generated locally, within the existing road prism;
- out-sloping sections of the road that are currently in-sloped and failing in order to restore surface flow;
- cleaning out existing drain-outs;
- and other routine road maintenance as needed.

Other BMPs include frequent cleaning of equipment and following department standards for road maintenance within the trails handbook.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Orange Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS: EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- Class 4, Section 15304: “Minor Alteration to Land”

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