



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Treatment and Protection of Upland Rock Shelter Sites

**LOCATION:** Crystal Cove State Park

**COUNTY:** Orange

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Archaeological sites known as rock shelters within the park are being impacted as a result of visitor use including illegal trails, graffiti, and other forms of vandalism. This project would address these impacts through a range of protection measures including trail brushing, revegetation and fencing. These methods will be assessed following their implementation to determine whether further measures should be implemented. Archaeological and Native American monitoring of the ground disturbance associated with this work is included in this project.

Further detail regarding the project including resource protection measures may be obtained by contacting the Environmental Coordinator listed below.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Southern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption

**Class:** 6

**Section:** 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including resource protection measures provided by CDPRE specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Experimental Resource Management” (Class 6).

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