



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

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PROJECT TITLE: Geotechnical Testing for Holmes Camp Water Infrastructure

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Geotechnical investigations are needed to acquire soil conditions and percolation rates to support the proper design of infrastructure for the Holmes Camp Water System Upgrade Project. This project includes upgrading the existing treatment system to provide for current and future use, and will include monitoring, controls, and additional equipment to meet California Dept. of Public Health and California Water Quality Control Board standards. The investigations include, but are not limited to, test pits to acquire soil samples for characterization and testing.

Further detail regarding the work proposed as well as measures to be implemented to avoid impact to the environment may be obtained by submitting a request to the project 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 **Section:** 15306 – Information Collection

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 CDRP Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under the Departmental List of Exempt Activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- Soils and structural engineering tests (§15306-Information Collection)

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