



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Varner Harbor Leaning Light Post

LOCATION: Salton Sea State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to secure a historical light post that is leaning and currently poses a safety risk. Heavy equipment will be used to hold the pole in place so it can be unbolted and removed. The total visible length of the pole is approximately 30' tall and the current concrete support is approximately 16" round x 6' long. The existing base will be demolished using heavy equipment, such as a backhoe. The heavy equipment would then be used to excavate a 5' diameter x 5' deep hole around the post. A building form tube would be placed in the ground to approximately 3' depth, then surrounded by mesh wire. The area outside of the tube would be backfilled with spoils. Once the surrounding area is backfilled, concrete would be poured around the tube and 7/8" x 12' all-thread anchor bolts would be installed in the concrete base to support the pole. The pole would be re-installed and bolted on the new foundation. Remaining spoils would be scattered around the project vicinity, with approval from the District Archaeologist.

Measures to be implemented to avoid impact may be obtained from the contact below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Class: 1

Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities.. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as: building (non-historical) or fence repairs (Class 1, §15301).

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