



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pedestrian Walkway Repairs

**LOCATION:** Salton Sea SRA

**COUNTY:** Riverside

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project consists of repairing a tripping hazard along a walkway that pedestrians use to get a view of the Salton Sea. This is located south of the Visitor Center. The pedestrian walkway goes toward the Varner Harbor from the Visitor Center. The contractor will remove the old concrete slabs that measure at 4' X 11' each. There will be a total of 100 pieces (1100' total length of walkway). Slabs will be broken down into pieces with a hammer attached to a backhoe; broken slabs will then be removed with the backhoe to the parks' boneyard. Once slabs are removed, the dirt will be excavated to approximately 10" depth, then base and rebar will be added to the footprint of the old walkway. A compactor vibrator will compact the ground in the walkway path. An existing culvert will be improved with sourced rocks to direct rainfall to landscaping. Measures to be implemented to avoid impact may be obtained by submitting a request to 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:** Ocotillo Wells District


**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section )
- Categorical Exemption  
Class: 1, 2, 4                      Section: 15301, 15302, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.4. The project, as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities, CEQA §15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction, and CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land.

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