



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** District Office Irrigation Improvements

**LOCATION:** Ocotillo Wells

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Existing plastic waterlines will be converted to PVC lines throughout the district compound, including housing, Discovery Center, nature walk, and behind the district and resource offices. A more durable system will reduce maintenance requirements and prolong the irrigation system. A trencher and hand tools (digging bar, shovels, etc.) would be used to dig trenches for the PVC lines. In total, 12,000' of PVC will be placed in a 1' wide by 3' deep trench. Under sidewalks, soil may need to be flushed and/or dug out. PVC will be anchored in place to reduce movement. Near the bathroom (100 building), PVC will be tunneled to avoid going under the sidewalk. Additionally, a new water system will be installed behind the amphitheater and the resources office.

Attempts will be made to avoid vegetation and roots. At the discretion of the district archaeologist, a cultural monitor will be present for all ground disturbance, including digging and moving soil. Future maintenance of the waterline is anticipated, such as fixing leaks and replacing sections of PVC.

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: 2, 3, and 4                      Section: 15302, 15303, and 15304

**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 – Replacement or Reconstruction, §15302 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land.

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