



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Picacho Park Sign Replacement

LOCATION: Picacho SRA

COUNTY: Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The entrance signs to Picacho SRA are faded, scratched, and shot through with bullet holes. New signs have been purchased and are ready for installation. Anticipated ground impacts include the removal of the existing signs, new post excavation, foot traffic and tool resting which can all be hand raked to remove and restore the surface surrounding the signs. Anchoring concrete to support the signs will require two new excavated holes measuring 15" x 15" x 36" using hand tools. Concrete is mixed onsite using a wheelbarrow, hand tools and poured into the holes. Anchor bolts are placed into a template board to ensure their proper alignment and elevation to the sign post mounting holes. Once the concrete hardens, the template holder is removed, and the sign will be placed onto the protruding bolts and tightened down with nuts and washers. Two signs will be replaced in existing locations. 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, 11 Section: 15301, 15302, 15311

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, § 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction, and §15311 – Accessory Structures.

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