



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Donut Fill Restoration and Recurring Maintenance (Headquarters Area)

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project aims to restore depressions around vegetation in the southwestern part of the park caused by OHV vehicles circling plants at fast speeds, which create depressions and berms that are commonly referred to as “donuts.” The depth of the donuts can vary from approximately six inches to over two feet deep. To avoid future damage to vegetation and prevent injuries to visitors, this project aims to fill in the donuts with the surrounding material. A mix of hand tools and heavy equipment will be used to complete this work.

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: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 4, Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, Minor Alterations to Land as it involves minor alterations in the condition of land, such as grading and backfilling with native materials; and (2) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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