



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 942896  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** 2023 IID Emergency Power Line Repair Staging Area

**LOCATION:** Ocotillo Wells SVRA

**COUNTY:** Imperial

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** On February 21, 2023, a powerful windstorm downed approximately 78 Imperial Irrigation District (IID) power poles and caused a multi-day power outage to three communities. IID has declared a Local Emergency (IID Resolution No. 8-2023). IID requested a temporary staging area to facilitate emergency power pole repairs and replacement within Ocotillo Wells SVRA. The staging area is approximately 1.5 acres and is located in a previously disturbed area. IID crews will access the area from Poleline Road. At the end of work, the staging area will be restored to its original condition. A Right of Entry permit will be issued to IID to authorize the temporary staging area.

**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:

Section:

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) statutorily exempt under Section 15269(b) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (2) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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