



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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: Park Power System Upgrade – Geotechnical Investigations

LOCATION: Picacho State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will perform geotechnical investigations for the future modernization of power generation and distribution equipment at Picacho SRA to meet future permitting and system requirements. The geotechnical work will include exploratory borings to a depth of approximately 10 feet as well as assessment of soil samples.

Further project detail and measures to avoid environmental impact may be obtained by contacting the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Southern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
 Class: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Soils and structural engineering tests" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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