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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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Ocotillo Wells Dust Control

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

COUNTY: Imperial and San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is the annual application of dust suppression products on designated Ocotillo Wells SVRA entrance roads to help the park comply with the Dust Control Plan mandated by Rule 800 of the Imperial County State Implementation Plan for PM10 compliance. Treated trails include but are not limited to Ranger Station Road, Main Street, Wolfe Well Road, Ocotillo Road, County Line Road, Cooksy Trail, Cahuilla Trail, Poleline Road, Holly Road, 4x4 Obstacle Road, and Crossover Camp. Dust control products may contain lignin sulfonate, calcium or magnesium chloride, polymers, or a proprietary blend of more than one. A list of best management practices for application can be obtained be reaching out the project contact 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, 4 *Section:* 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 1, Section15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, Existing Facilities, as it involves maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use; (2) categorically exempt under Class 4, Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, Minor Alterations to Land, as it involves grading and application of dust suppression products; and (3) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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