



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: Emergency Dredging of Lower Dock Following Tropical Cyclone Hilary

LOCATION: Picacho SVRA

COUNTY: Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The lower dock at Picacho State Recreation Area requires dredging following Tropical Cyclone Hilary. Following the storm, the resulting deposition of sediment in the channel has made the channel too shallow for boat access and left the dock inoperable. The lower dock is essential for park-wide emergency services and maintenance, as portions of the park are only accessible by boat. This project would restore function of the lower dock and channel by removing (dredging) sediment from the channel. Dredging will be completed by a long reach excavator up to a depth of six feet (6'). The channel is 30 feet wide an approximately 470 feet in length. Dredged material will be transported to the park's green waste area for drying and potential use in other projects. A list of best management practices incorporated into the project design can be obtained by reaching out to the 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: Section:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) statutorily exempt under Section 15269(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, following the Governor's Proclamation of a State Emergency dated on August 19, 2023. This project will restore access and use to a facility damaged by a declared disaster.

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