



TO: Los Angeles County Clerk
Environmental Filings
12400 Imperial Hwy., Rm. 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

FROM: City of Palmdale
Planning Division
38250 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

Project Title: Barrel Springs Trail Improvement Project

Project Location –

Barrel Springs Trail in the City of Palmdale (1300 East Barrel Springs Road, Palmdale CA, 93550)

Project Location - City: Palmdale

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The nature of this project is to improve Barrel Springs Trail, an existing out and back hiking trail located in the City of Palmdale. Since its construction in 1996, the 1.5-mile long, low difficulty trail has been visited by countless members of the local and regional public, including hikers, equestrians, nature enthusiasts, and those individuals and families simply looking to enjoy an outdoor experience. Unfortunately, time, weather erosion, and illegal dumping activity has damaged the scenic trail and its features. The purpose of this project is to correct this damage with reparative work and to improve/refresh the existing facility and its features. Project work includes repair of the existing lodge-pole trail fencing, installation of swinging access gates with locking mechanisms (replace one existing gate and install one new), trail and parking lot erosion control improvements with decomposed granite and soil stabilization (no expansion of the existing trail or parking lot area), replacement of existing trailhead monuments, trail markers, and educational signage, and addition/replacement of trash receptacles and pet waste stations. No existing trees or vegetation outside of the trail or parking lot limit will be removed or disturbed with the project activity. Beneficiaries of the project will be visitors to Barrel Springs Trail and the local community as this is a cherished landmark in the City of Palmdale.

Name of Agency Approving Project: City of Palmdale

Project Applicant: Public Works/Capital Improvement Program (Rebecca Brown, Project Manager)

Exempt Status:

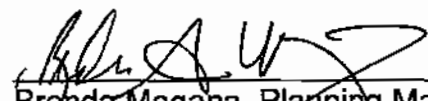
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The components of the scope of work on the Barrel Springs Trail Improvement Project are considered Categorically Exempt from

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environmental proceedings pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1(c), Existing Facilities, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, which permits maintenance of existing public facilities (Item (c) specifically identifies pedestrian trails), involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. There is no component of this proposed project that will expand the length or area of the existing trail or parking lot footprint. Any minor grading or soil stabilization done on this project will be performed within areas previously cleared of vegetation, such as the trail and parking lot areas, which have been damaged by regular weather erosion and require this restorative treatment. Additionally, the project is exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1(h), which permits maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth. Existing trail and parking lot areas may require clearance of minor nuisance vegetation growth, however no pesticides will be used or applied in conjunction with this project work.

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Brenda Magana, Planning Manager
City of Palmdale

9/5/23

Date

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, and 21804, Public Resources Code.