



**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  
Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Road  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Horseback Riding Facilities Development and Improvements

**LOCATION:** Will Rogers State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Los Angeles County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project is in Management Plan Area 3, Ranch Work Area, as described in the 2003 Will Rogers SHP Historic Landscape Management Plan. The project will support the operation of a horseback riding facility at Will Rogers State Historic Park (Will Rogers SHP). The project proposes horseback riding facility development and improvements that consist of construction of two single-story buildings, including an approximately 990-square-foot four-stall stable structure (Stables) to the northeast of the existing Jim's Barn Reconstruction, and an approximately 536-square-foot administrative office to the north of the proposed Stables and west of the existing Roping Arena. The project includes an ADA-compliant parking space with a loading area and walkway, a new retaining wall, and removal of non-historic structures. Work includes re-grading and stabilization of a slope to the east of the new construction. The design of the two single-story buildings and site improvements are based on historic documentation, and design elements follow historic precedent found at Will Rogers SHP, such as the design of overall shape and form, fenestration, wood and concrete materials, overhang, roof eaves, windows, and doors. Also, the new retaining wall design is informed by a study of extant retaining walls at Will Rogers SHP. Further information regarding the project, as well as measures to be implemented to avoid environmental impacts 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:** Angeles

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
 Statutory Exemption (Section )  
 Categorical Exemption

*Class:* 31      *Section(s):* 15331 – Historical Resource Rehabilitation

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, including conditions provided by CDPR staff, it is exempt under the Departmental List of Exempt Activities established under the authority of CEQA §15300.4 as:

- Activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. (Class 31, Section 15331)

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