



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: Shell Reef MM 1.9 Memorial Removal

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: A memorial site was erected alongside the Shell Reef Expressway at mile marker 1.9 and has continued to have additional items placed at the site, including objects affixed to the ground with concrete. The memorial did not go through CEQA process prior to being placed and will be removed by Parks staff. Park staff will use heavy equipment to carefully extract the concreted memorial items and set them on the nearby ground for the family to pick up. Landform will be returned to original contour. Up to one hole (2' diameter x 3' deep) may be dug to plant a native bush (i.e., indigo bush or dyebush) at the site. Standard project requirements have been incorporated into the project design; a copy of these measures can be obtained by contacting 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: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 4, Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, Minor Alterations to Land, as it involves minor excavation followed by surface restoration; and (2) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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