



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hidden Valley Ramada Replacement

**LOCATION:** Ocotillo Wells SVRA

**COUNTY:** Imperial

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project would replace and make improvements to all 13 shade ramada locations (two of the sites are missing ramadas and furnishings) at the Hidden Valley Camp, located off Cahuilla Trail. The project shall comply with the 2015 CA Parks-Accessibility Guidelines Section 9 – Camping. The existing ramadas have been installed for more than a decade and dry rot damages to the posts and rafters is making them unstable and could pose a safety hazard for park visitors. Two of the ramadas sustained major structural damage during a high wind event and maintenance staff removed them; these will be replaced with ADA-accessible sites. Campsite amenities, including fire rings and picnic tables, will also be placed. Future maintenance is expected.

**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, 2                      Section: 15301, 15302

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 1, Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, Existing Facilities, as it involves minor alteration of existing structures for accessibility purposes; (2) categorically exempt under Class 2, Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, Replacement or Reconstruction, as it involves replacement or reconstruction of existing structures in the same location and with substantially the same capacity and purpose; and (3) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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