



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Refugio State Beach Culvert Repair

LOCATION: Refugio S.B.

COUNTY: Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project scope includes cutting asphalt and excavating a portion of the Refugio S.B. entrance road to replace a failed drainage culvert. The failed culvert caused two sinkholes in the road that present a major threat to life and safety, resulting in a total park closure. The project is essential to park reopening, maintaining public safety, and restoring ingress/egress for park visitors, staff residents, and safety personnel.

The culvert replacement shall be consistent with the 1974 CalTrans as-built design and does not present an expansion of use. Work is not expected to exceed a depth of 10' or 8' wide. Construction is anticipated to take two to four weeks.

Project requirements have been incorporated to avoid and/or minimize environmental impact. They can be obtained by contacting the environmental coordinator at the contact information below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Channel Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Classes: 1, 2, 4

Sections: 15301, 15302, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under the CDPR list of Exempt Activities according to CEQA §15300 as:

- **Class 1, Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities**

Consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The proposed project is consistent with this exemption criteria under provision (c).

- **Class 2, Section 15302 (c) – Replacement or Reconstruction**


Consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The proposed project is consistent with the exemption criteria under provision (c).

- **Class 4, Section 15304 (f) – Minor Alterations to Land**

Consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The proposed project is consistent with the exemption criteria under provision (f).

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