



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Nature Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Arthur B. Ripley Desert Woodland State Park

COUNTY: Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will include accessibility improvements to portions of the Nature Trail at Arthur B. Ripley Desert Woodland State Park. The improvements are designed to bring the trail in compliance with California State Parks accessibility guidelines and associated legal mandates. Once implemented this project would create approximately 0.25 miles of accessible trail. The primary project elements include trail construction, vault restroom, trail removal, trail signs and benches.

Measures to be implemented to avoid and/or minimize environmental impact may be obtained by submitting a request to 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: Accessibility

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 3, 4 **Section:** 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303–New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and §15304–Minor Alternations in Land Use Limitations. The action falls under the CDPR Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Modifications of existing facilities for handicap access” (Class 3, §15303)
- “Trail construction or realignment” (Class 4, §15304)

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