



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
2797 Truxtun Road
San Diego, CA 92106

PROJECT TITLE: Park Power System Upgrade

LOCATION: Picacho State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The current power generation facilities within the park are insufficient along with emitting large amounts of greenhouse gases. The project proposes to upgrade the park’s power generation and distribution system. The work includes, but is not limited to, construction of a roof-mounted photovoltaic (PV) array above parking shade structures that will supply energy to a battery bank, and gas-powered back-up generators in the event the array is not able to generate power. Existing facilities will be used to the extent feasible; however, replacement of some existing electrical distribution, equipment, and fixtures is anticipated.

Further project details and 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: Southern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1

Section: 15301


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 the following classes within the CDPR Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4:

- “Utility repairs or minor upgrades” (Class 1, §15301)

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