

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: CEQA Postings
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San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Kiran Seibel
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Emergency Power Generators at Potrero County Park and Vallecito County Park
Project Location: Potrero County Park – 24800 Potrero Park Drive, Potrero, CA 91963; Vallecito County Park – 37349 Great Southern Overland Stage Route, Julian, CA 92036
Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600
Project Description: The proposed project involves installing emergency power generators at Portrero County Park and Vallecito County Park.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: 08/28/2024

County Contact Person: Matthew Boccardi

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This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on **August 28, 2024 (item #1)** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) is appropriate because the emergency power generators would be located within existing park facilities, would be used to provide power to support onsite services and communications in the event of a power disruption, and would involve negligible expansion of former use. Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) is appropriate because the project involves the installation of small new equipment, including new emergency generators. Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) is appropriate because the project includes minor land disturbance in association with placement of emergency power generator which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Additionally, the project would not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; would not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 209-9922

Name (Print): Kiran Seibel Title: Group Program Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.