



**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: Paddlewheeler and Upper Docks Restrooms

LOCATION: Picacho State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The existing restroom facilities at both the Paddlewheeler and Upper Docks locations within Picacho SRA are in poor condition and don't comply with accessibility requirements. This project would significantly improve the visitor experience at these restroom facilities by providing modern, pleasant and durable restrooms facilities. The project would install prefabricated vault accessible restrooms at two sites: The Paddlewheeler and Upper Dock Boat-In campgrounds. In addition, supporting facilities including, but not limited to, drainage facilities, routes of travel, parking, signs and a pay box would be modified and/or installed.

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: 1,3

Section: 15301,15303

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)
- "Modifications of existing facilities for handicap access." (Class 1, §15301)
- "Construction or installation of park facilities such as restrooms, signs, small parking lots (Class 3, §15303)

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