



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Ranger Station Road Fencing

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Ranger Station Road, the entrance to the park headquarters, has widened over the years and is now encroaching on the roots of desert ironwood trees. To protect the root systems of these trees, split rail fencing will be installed around them and large creosote adjacent to the trail. Up to sixteen small fences are proposed, with fence sizes varying based on plant sizes. Raking and decompaction work is also proposed 20' east and west of Ranger Station Road to pull in road base into the trail corridor, as well as realigning a small section of split rail near the district office. District standard project requirements have been incorporated into project design, see attached

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption**
Class: 3, 4 Section: 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 3, Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, as it involves the installation of park facilities such as fencing; (2) categorically exempt under Class 4, Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, Minor Alterations to Land, as it involves minor alterations to land conditions for trail maintenance and does not require the removal of trees; and (3) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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