



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:** Crystal Cove SP Ranger Station Shade Structure Project 2025

**LOCATION:** Crystal Cove State Park

**COUNTY:** Orange

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project intends to provide shade, improve picnic seating, enhance interpretive and outreach programming, both in person and through interpretative panels, and increase the functionality of an underutilized picnic area in the Upper Moro day use area near the Crystal Cove State Park ranger station.

The project will replace or restore 3 to 6 picnic tables and install three shade structures to create an inviting location for park users to picnic. Additionally, the project will install several interpretative panels along the perimeter of the picnic area inside the existing fence, interpreting how climate change will affect the park.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Orange Coast District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

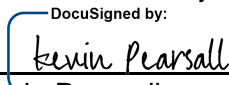
- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section )
- Categorical Exemption  
*Class: 4 Section: 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- Class 4, Section 15304: "Minor Alteration to Land"

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