

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Azalea Glen Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Azalea Glen Rd. & Lookout Fire Rd., off Hwy. 79 **COUNTY:**
San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will reroute and resurface the existing Azalea Glen Trail to provide access compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the Paso Picacho area of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Upon completion, the trail route will be a total of approximately 7,300 linear feet (l.f.) and 4 feet wide. Work includes:

- Installation of natural surface trail blended with aggregate and soil stabilizer.
- Construction of causeway elevated (4") trail.
- Installation of boardwalks, drain-dips, and bridge structures necessary to manage drainage conditions.
- Limited rock and non-mature tree removal.
- Installation of fencing to protect natural resources.
- Elimination of a "volunteer" (unauthorized) trail system of approximately 3,750 l.f.

DPR-accepted Best Management Practices for control of erosion and runoff of sediments will be used.

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

NAME OF DIVISION CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Accessibility Section, Acquisition & Development Division

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3, 4 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304

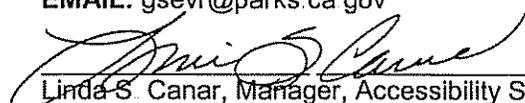
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration of existing structures and features involving negligible expansion beyond current use and is included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" and "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and is included as "construction or installation of park facilities, such as...fencing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4; and minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "trail construction or realignment" and "trail removal" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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