

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Comfort Station Construction and Combination Building Replacement
LOCATION: Salton Sea State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project constructs a new Comfort Station in the Visitor Center area and replaces the Combination Building in the New Camp area within Salton Sea State Recreation Area to meet accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines."

Comfort Station: Pour concrete foundation and construct new, approximately 18 foot (ft) long by 23 ft wide by 12 ft high unisex Comfort Station (CS) containing three toilets and an exterior shower. Install approximately 40 ft long electrical conduit, 30 ft long water supply pipe, and 50 ft long sewer pipe in trenches to connect CS to existing utilities. Install approximately 350 ft² concrete pedestrian walkway around the perimeter of the CS. Re-position and re-stripe two existing accessible parking spaces and two non-accessible spaces in the Visitor Center parking lot to make all four spaces compliant with current accessibility standards.

Combination Building: Demolish existing, approximately 29 ft long by 24 ft wide by 12 ft high Combination Building (CB) containing five toilets/urinals and four interior showers and remove concrete foundation. Pour new concrete foundation on footprint of old structure and construct a unisex CB containing four toilets and four showers. New CB will be approximately the same size as the one demolished. Replace approximately 10 ft long electrical conduit, 30 ft long water supply pipe, and 35 ft long sewer pipe in trenches between CB and existing utility connections. Demolish existing 700 ft² pedestrian walkway around the existing CB and replace with new walkway. Overlay asphalt onto the existing asphalt parking lot and re-stripe the two existing accessible parking spaces.

Excavation will be up to 2 ft in depth for installation of concrete building foundations and up to 0.5 ft deep for walkway construction. Install utilities in trenches about 2 ft wide and up to 4 ft deep and backfill with native soil. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Comfort Station Replacement Project. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center
EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures/facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access," and "construction or installation of park facilities such as restrooms" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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