



## 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:** Geotechnical and Archaeological Testing for Equestrian Facilities Project

**LOCATION:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park      **COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project consists of geotechnical and archaeological testing at the future locations for a proposed Equestrian Facilities Project. Geotechnical testing will consist of drilling borings and performing a leach field percolation test. All subsurface excavation will be monitored by a qualified archaeologist. Archaeological testing may include using hand auger test holes, shovel test pits, 1-x-1-meter-square excavation units, and other accepted archaeological data collection protocols, processing, analyzing, and cataloging artifacts, and preparing a final report. A Native American monitor will be contracted with to observe archaeological testing.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Angeles

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section            )
- Categorical Exemption  
Class: 6 Section(s): 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.  
A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.  
An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.  
Project will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. (class 6)

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