



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Investigations and ROE Permits in Doheny SB for the Dana Point Desal Project (ER# 8439, #8476, and #8518)

LOCATION: Doheny State Beach

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Right of Entry Permit (s) are needed within Doheny SB for the Dana Point Ocean Desalination Project Phase 3, Extended pumping and Pilot Plant Test: **1)** to locate the presumed plume of petroleum products from an underground tank across the Pacific Coast Highway from the Park. A grid of up to 12 small diameter (2") boreholes will be punched into existing roadways of the Park to determine soil type, density, and groundwater levels and content **2)** for construction of a test well that will operated for 24 months on Doheny State Beach **3)** for groundwater sampling during the test. These investigations are associated with a Municipal Water District of Orange County project IS/MND SCH # 2008051050. Per standard State Park policy, a resource ecologist and cultural resource specialist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to such resources during the investigations.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 Statutory Exemption (Section)
 Categorical Exemption

Class: 5 and 6 Section(s): 15305 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.

Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations that do not result in any changes in land use or density (Class 5)

Project will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. (class 6)

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