



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Colorado Desert District  
200 Palm Canyon Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004-5005

**PROJECT TITLE:** Soil Investigations – Formerly Used Defense Sites

**LOCATION:** Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Palm Canyon Drive and Montezuma Grade

**COUNTY:** San Diego

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

Conduct soil sampling in various locations in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to determine if metals are present in the soils, which could indicate the presence of munitions from sites formerly used by the military. Sampling will be conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Sampling will consist of grab samples up to approximately 12” deep.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**  Categorical Exemption      *Class: 6      Section: 15306*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included in DPR’s list of exempt activities as “Soils and structural engineering tests” in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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