



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Spadefoot Toad Pool Enhancement

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park **COUNTY:** Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

To potentially enhance spadefoot toads, six shallow depressions along Moro Ridge will be dug to hold water for up to two months each. A backhoe will be used to form the pools, each a short distance from an existing road. No woody stemmed-plants will be disturbed.

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: 4 Section(s): 15304 a

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 does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4)

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