



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Special Event Area Evaluation
 LOCATION: Huntington State Beach

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The purpose of this Project is to evaluate a special event and venue which hosts large events at Huntington State Beach.

The area that shall serve as a special event venue is located near the California Least Tern Natural Preserve, a federally protected species and is also close to the Santa Ana River mouth. Additionally, the area is used by the Western Snowy Plover and other shore birds for roosting and foraging.

The area is adjacent to Tower No. 5 off the Brookhurst Street entrance south of Magnolia St. Temporary structures are erected; stages, tents and temporary fencing are also established

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: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Orange Coast District and Special Event Promoters

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Class: 4, 5

Section: 15304, 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land and §15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA § 15300.4 as:

- "Special events" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Issuance of temporary use permits" (Class 5, Section 15305)

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