



### 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:** Accessibility Improvements – Ironwood Trail  
**LOCATION:** Salton Sea State Recreation Area, Parkside Rd. and State Park Dr.  
**COUNTY:** Riverside

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Improve Ironwood Trail at Salton Sea State Recreation Area to make it compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Improvements include reconstruction of approximately 900 feet of existing trail, which will result in a firm surface due to the installation of new trail edging and improved drainage and construction of approximately 2,378 feet of new trail including 1,021 feet of boardwalk. Other components of the project include upgrading one parking space to meet ADA guidelines, installation of 2 ADA-compliant picnic tables, installation of trail signs, and installation of one ramada with a picnic table along the trail. Best Management Practices will be incorporated to control erosion and protect non-jurisdictional drainages in the project vicinity.

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:* 1, 4      *Section:* 15301, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use and consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included in DPR’s list of exempt activities as “modifications of existing facilities for handicap access” and “trail construction or realignment” in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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