



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Improving Privacy Shrubbery throughout San Elijo (10-11-SD-24)

LOCATION: San Elijo State Beach

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project consists of the removal of 4 Washintonia Palm trees from campsites located In San Elijo State Beach. The palms are an invasive plant species and they also obstruct traffic in and out of campsites making for unsafe traffic conditions. The project includes removing the palms and excavating approximately 2' 6" below surface level to remove stump material and possible tripping hazards. The City of Encinitas has responded to our inquiry regarding destruction of view shed or historical issues concerning the trees and has asked that we simply post signage on the trees that they will be removed.

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: San Diego 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 4

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. 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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