



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Fiesta de Reyes Historic Palm Tree Removal (12/13-SD-23)  
**LOCATION:** Old Town San Diego SHP - 667      **COUNTY:** San Diego

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

This project in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will remove and replace hazard palm trees to protect public health and safety.

**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
- Categorical Exemption    Section: 15301 – Existing Facilities; 15331 – Historical Resources

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15331 – Historical Resource Restoration Rehabilitation. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Landscape plant replacement” (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- “Activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards” (Class 31, Section 15331)

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