



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Colorado River Riparian Restoration

LOCATION: Picacho State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes the control of exotic, non-native tamarisk within lower Colorado River riparian habitat, which is host to a number of endangered and sensitive species of wildlife. This project would restore and improve the quality of the cottonwood/willow riparian habitat at Picacho State Recreation Area. Excavation will be limited to direct plant removal when necessary. No motorized equipment will be used during breeding bird season. All populations of sensitive or listed species will be avoided. Herbicides used will be non-aquatic rated in areas where standing water is present. Limited recreational closures may be necessary, but shall be minimized by scheduling work during lower use times.

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:* 4 *Section:* 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. The project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of vegetation which would not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is listed as "Resource management projects" and "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" as stated in the Department's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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