



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

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PROJECT TITLE: Aerial Weed Mapping (13/14-OC-10)

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC) has proposed aerial weed mapping over a period of 12 days in May-June of 2014. Populations of a minimum of 30 invasive plant species will be recorded digitally by a team of two botanists and a helicopter pilot from the air at an altitude of 30' to 150' (pending habitat sensitivity and air-safety guidelines) as points, lines, or polygons based on stand shape and size. This project will comprehensively document the population size and spatial distribution of over 30 invasive plant species located within NROC's Coastal Subregion Reserve.

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 The Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC)

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Class: 6

Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts 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 CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Baseline monitoring" and "Resource studies, inventories" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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