



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Inland Empire District  
17801 Lake Perris Drive  
Perris, CA 92571

**PROJECT TITLE:** Discovery Center Picnic Improvements, Chino Hills SP (14/15-IE-17)

**LOCATION:** Chino Hills State Park

**COUNTY:** Orange

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

This multi-stage project will install two shade ramadas, pathways, and ADA-compliant parking stalls adjacent to the Chino Hills Discovery Center parking lot and greenhouse. One ramada will be constructed to ADA standards with a concrete pad; the second will be on a decomposed granite pad. The accessible parking stall will be installed within the footprint of the existing gravel parking lot, with an accessible sidewalk leading from the parking stall to both the green house and to the first shade ramada. 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:** Inland Empire

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

Class: 1, 3, 4 Section(s): 15301 15303 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

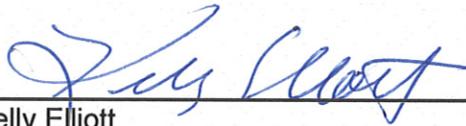
No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 - Existing Facilities, §15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Modifications of existing facilities for handicap access" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Construction or installation of park facilities" (Class 3, Section 15303); and
- "Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent" and "Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored" (Class 4, Section 15304)

The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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