



### 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:** Gilman Peak Weather Station, Chino Hills SP  
**LOCATION:** Chino Hills State Park                      **COUNTY:** San Bernardino

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

State Parks will grant an easement to the US Army Corps of Engineers for a weather station near Gilman Peak at Chino Hills State Park. Carbon Canyon Gilman Rain Gauge has been operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since the 1950s. This Carbon Canyon Gilman Rain Gauge is also an official National Weather Service station. The data is also transmitted via the GOES (Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite) satellite where it is used by the Corps, National Weather Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Orange County, Riverside County and others for real time flood forecasting. Equipment at the Carbon Canyon Gilman gauge includes a rain gauge, data logger, GOES radio, solar panels, battery and antennas. All are provided by the Corps of Engineers. The gauge is west on North Ridge Trail, 462 feet after Gilman Peak. 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

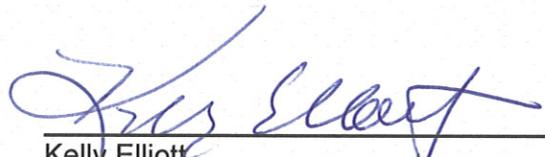
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section                      )
- Categorical Exemption  
     Class: 5    Section(s): 15305  
     Class 5, Section 15305- Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations
  - Issuance of easements and permits.

**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 the CDPR list of Exempt Activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

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