



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

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Bolsa Chica Visitor Center Demonstration Garden Improvements  
**LOCATION:** Bolsa Chica State Beach **COUNTY:** Orange County  
**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

This project looks to install garden terracing and formalize an employee access path immediately adjacent to the Bolsa Chica State Beach Visitor Center and Headquarters in a non-public use area.

This project shall reduce water run-off and soil erosion. The terraces are not permanent; they can easily be removed and filled in. Once installed, native plants will be able to utilize water more effectively due to increased percolation and will be able to establish themselves.

This project additionally looks to formalize a common use circulation path with paving stones similar to those used in the terracing outlined above.

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/ Amigos de Bolsa Chica/Volunteers

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

**Class:** 1, 4

**Section:** 15301,15304

**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 comments provided by CDPDR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15304 –Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Existing Facilities - Existing path formalization” (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- “New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping” and (Class 4, Section 15304)

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

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