



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION **2016058291**

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Inland Empire District
17801 Lake Perris Drive
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PROJECT TITLE: Prado Basin Connection, Chino Hills SP (15/16-IE-11)
LOCATION: Chino Hills State Park COUNTY: San Bernardino, Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

DPR and Hills for Everyone (HFE) propose acquisition of approximately 1600 acres for inclusion in Chino Hills State Park. The parcels are located at the northwest end of the park, in Orange County (Beattie property), and on the eastern boundary of the park, in San Bernardino County. These parcels contain significant habitat and wildlife corridors. District staff propose to acquire all or the majority of the 1,600 acres in separate phases. Phase 1 may include the Beattie property (9 acres) and four of the FNIP parcels (400 acres) for a total of 409 acres. Phase 2 may include the White Rock property (400 acres). Phase 3 may include five parcels totaling 760 acres. Funding will come from a variety of sources. All property owners are willing sellers. 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: 13 Section(s): 15313

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:

Class 13, Section 15313- Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation Purposes

- Acquisition of lands as an addition to the State Park System for wildlife conservation purposes (lands in a natural condition and which may be actively managed to promote wildlife).

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