



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

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PROJECT TITLE: Corona Del Mar State Beach – Buck Gully Permanent Drainage Easement

LOCATION: Corona Del Mar State Beach

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The City of Newport Beach (“City”) is requesting a permanent drainage easement. This easement is for the purposes of maintaining a drainage line in, over and across a portion of Corona Del Mar State Beach after completing the Buck Gully Erosion Control Project (“Project”). The Project shall provide the necessary flood protection and streambed stabilization required to reduce the potential of slope failure along the Buck Gully canyon (SCH No. 2010101060). The project shall reduce water pollution and downstream impacts thus enhancing marine water quality and aid in the removal and replacement of non-native invasive plant species with water efficient natives. The permanent drainage easement is needed for the ongoing operating, maintenance and repair of the project improvements.

This drainage easement shall serve as a direct benefit to Corona Del Mar State Beach in that the drainage line will enhance overall water quality by reducing downstream impacts. This proposed easement does not alter, change or damage any natural, cultural or aesthetic resources nor does it interfere with further development, use and enjoyment of the State Park system. The permanent drainage easement is needed for the ongoing operating, maintenance and repair of the project improvements.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: City of Newport Beach

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Section: 15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations **Class:** 5

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Exempt under CEQA § 15305 as issuance of easement. All permissive activities and conditions such as liability, environmental restrictions, notification requirements and use limitations shall be included in the easement document. This easement shall result in a minor change in land use and presents no potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA § 15300.2.

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