



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Historic Landscape Restoration

LOCATION: Palomar Mountain State Park, Highway S-7 & Doane Valley Road **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Restore an historic automobile directional traffic island and other historic landscape features at Palomar Mountain State Park at the entrance into the Boucher Hill Lookout visitor parking area. Erosion and burrowing animals have undermined the historic directional island, separating it from the nearby wall. The structure is in need of maintenance and repair, including but not limited to, removing a non-historic stone masonry "tail"; salvaging stone from same to replace damaged or missing stone in the triangle's walls; repairing or replacing damaged and/or missing mortar (re-pointing); and restoring location and directional signs from the structure's post-1948-1951 historic period. The signs will be mounted on horizontal 2"x2" wood braces, and 4"x4" vertical wood posts set in packed gravel and native soil backfill [holes will be up to 12 inches in diameter and 2 feet below the ground surface level]. Prior to their installation, the triangle's interior will be cleared of a non-contributing upright wood post, vegetation and other debris.

Restoration work on other features will include.

- Reconstruction of the "Weather Frame", a 4x4 rail fence enclosure approximately 8'x16' and 2' high.
- Installation of 2 – 25' flag poles centered the eastern parking lot stone wall.
- Excavation of existing Stone Rubble Masonry staircases on the South and Southeastern slope faces below the lookout and above the road.
- Refurbish 300' of partially stone lined trail surface in the meadow east of the lookout and restroom structures. Interpretive signs may be added depicting the residence cabin and the relay building.
- Removal of non-native plant species from parking lot planter, observation deck and accessible ramp areas.
- Restoration of south soil slope below the lookout, east of the radio repeater building and above the road.

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: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class:* 31 *Section:* 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. Project consists of maintenance, repair, stabilization, preservation, or conservation of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer and is included as "Activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" under DPR's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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