



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Tree Hazard Removal at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (06/07-CD-11)

LOCATION: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project would trim or remove approximately 200 dead or dying pine and oak trees throughout Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The trees to be removed have been deemed a hazard due to their proximity to park facilities and public camping areas. Trees to be removed have died or are dying due to past fire damage (2003 Cedar Fire – a Declared Emergency), drought, and/or disease. No ground disturbance will occur, all vehicles will be confined to existing roads, and cut tree material will be removed from the treatment sites. An archeological monitor will periodically inspect the treatment sites while work is in progress to insure that there is no disturbance to sensitive cultural sites.

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:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
 - Categorical Exemption
 - Class:* _____ *Section:* _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
- Project to maintain, repair, restore, demolish or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor. The resources to be removed are an imminent threat to the public for bodily harm or of damage to adjacent property.

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