



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:** Removal of Flagstone Pavement and Grass Planting

**LOCATION:** San Clemente State Beach – Historic Cottage      **COUNTY:** Orange

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project will remove approximately 450 sq. ft. of flagstone pavement on the front-eastside of the front yard area of the San Clemente Visitor Center/Custodians Cottage, and replace the flagstone pavement with water efficient Santa Ana Bermuda Grass to match the turf on the other side of the front yard. The irregular-shaped flagstone pavement presents a significant tripping hazard and provides a non-ADA accessible area in the front yard. This change appears historically accurate to what was once located in the front yard area when the cottage was the custodian's residence.

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

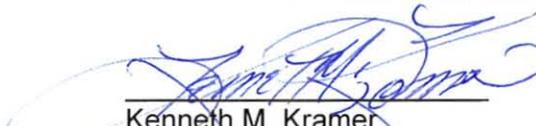
- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption

**Section:** 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land **Class:** 4 (b)

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Exempt under CEQA § 15304 (b) as new landscaping to replace existing flagstone with water efficient Santa Ana Bermuda Grass which is considered a minor alteration to land/vegetation conditions not involving healthy, mature or scenic trees. No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA § 15300.2.

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