



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Installation of Symbolic Fencing at Malibu Lagoon

LOCATION: Malibu Lagoon S.B.

COUNTY: Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project proposes to install and maintain temporary symbolic fencing on an annual basis during the plover breeding season (approximately late February to early September). Symbolic fencing would be of an open/permeable and non-view obstructing nature. The fencing would be placed around a western snowy plover roost location along the top of the sandbar in front of Malibu Lagoon to create a protected breeding area. The fencing would be positioned to allow access of a vehicle between the protected area and the Pacific Ocean. The proposed fence would consist of guy wire posts. Rope will be looped through the posts to establish a symbolic fence. Posts will be driven into the sand by hand and/or holes will be dug for post placement. Fencing would not exceed approximately 42 inches in height. Educational and Departmental signage will be posted on or near the fence to advise the public of the sensitive resources and rules and regulations within the protected area. Should plover nests be discovered, single nest enclosures would be placed over nests to provide protection from predators and disturbance. Work will be done by volunteers and USFWS permitted monitors. Work will be done in accordance with CDPR management guidelines and the USFWS recovery plan.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 3 Section(s): 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.
Consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities (Class 3)

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