



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: East Side Trail Routine Maintenance (05/06-CD-14)

LOCATION: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project involves routine maintenance work on the East Side Trail between the East Mesa Fire Road and Sweetwater Parking Area. Routine maintenance includes hand work using trail tools, and the use of a trail machine (SWECO) where grade and width allow. Trail maintenance includes the existing trail footprint, up to 4 feet wide, plus an additional two feet on each side of the trail, the trail shoulders. Herbicide will be used at a few narrowly selected locations to permanently remove plants, primarily shrubs, growing in the trail. No herbicide will be used in the vicinity of sensitive plant locations, specifically Cuyamaca larkspur, along or adjacent to the trail. Certain portions of the trail crossing, or adjacent to, sensitive archeological and/or biological resources will be required to have State Parks archeological and biological monitors on-site at the time of maintenance work. No impacts to sensitive archeological or biological resources are anticipated from the project.

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: 1

Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
- Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographic features involving negligible or no expansion of use.

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