



## 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:** Native Plant Garden Artificial Wetland (09-10-SD-51)

**LOCATION:** Old Town San Diego State Historic Park      **COUNTY:** San Diego

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

This project consists of the replacement and installation of an artificial wetland. This will replace the one that was installed approximately 3 years ago but was unsustainable because of location, soil profile and drainage that caused safety and public health issues. The new location would be situated at the lowest point in Old Town at the southern most point of the Native Plant Garden at the intersection of Congress St. and Old Beach Road. The site would drain into a concrete inlet so there will be no standing surface water. The wetland would be approximately a 20' X 30' oval with a minimum 1'6" to 2' depression. The site will be lined with impermeable rubber liner and be filled with soil packed in place.

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:** San Diego Coast

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

*Class: 4    Section(s): 15304 4*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.

An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.

Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4)

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