



## 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:** Lower Boat Ramp Vegetation Removal

**LOCATION:** Picacho State Recreation Area, Picacho Road and Inter-Park Road **COUNTY:** Imperial

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove vegetation adjacent to the lower boat ramp road and day use area at Picacho State Recreation Area. In years past during flash floods the water flowed to the north of the boat ramp area. These areas are now filled in with sediment causing the water to flow into the boat ramp area. Removing a ten-foot-wide path of vegetation would allow the water to return to the river without causing damage to the boat ramp and filling in the channel with sediment. At the present time after each flash flood the soil around the boat ramp is washed away and fills the boat ramp channel with sediment. The process that will be used to remove the vegetation will be an excavator with a thumb, which is a mechanical device that is connected to the bucket that allows the excavator to pick up material. There will be no excavation of soil. The soil around the roots will be grubbed to remove the vegetation.

**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:**  Categorical Exemption      *Class:* 4      *Section:* 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

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

The Project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land as Class 4 (“...minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation...”).

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