



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:** East Meadow Restoration  
**LOCATION:** Crystal Cove State Park

**COUNTY:** Orange County

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

The purpose of this project is for the restoration of 4.1 acres of weedy grasses to native coastal sage scrub.

The scope of this proposed project includes ripping the area 1.5 to 2 inches with metal tines and then seeding the area.

Work will not impact and/or extend beyond the park boundary.

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 (CDPR)

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

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

**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 under CEQA §15304–Minor Alterations to Land as “New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.” The Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4). Additionally, the action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CCR §15300.4 as a “Resource Management Project” to protect, restore, or enhance rare, threatened or endangered species and their habitat.

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