



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Quarry Road Realignment

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to realign a section of Quarry Road in Ocotillo Wells SVRA to increase public safety and to eliminate the need for weekly road maintenance in the area known locally as the S-turns. The realignment would encompass the intersection as the northern end of Main Street and through to the Shell Reef Expressway as the Quarry Cove intersection and will be constructed as a full dimension access road for larger street legal vehicles (i.e. RV's and trailers).

Excavation for the new road bed would entail a width of twenty-one (21') feet with the possibility of depths measured up to approximately twenty-four inches (24") and the cut material would be re-used in areas needing fill. Heavy equipment will be used to perform the work. Potential area of impact along the new alignment may reach thirty feet (30') with additional provisions for equipment turn-around locations that will need to be pre-determined and marked for use.

The completed road surface will be capped in a minimum of six inches (6") of class II road base for surface compaction and as a dust control measure. Turns will be designed as wide as possible, to keep visibility high and maintenance efforts low. The corridor alignment will be routed away from well-established trees and sensitive plants for habitat.

The original section of Quarry Road that is being bypassed will have its berms pulled in and rock scattered to restore it to the level of the surrounding terrain. This area will remain as open riding for OHV traffic with no further road maintenance.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells 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: Project activities consist of a minor alteration to an existing public facility, Quarry Road, involving negligible expansion of use. No potential for significant impacts is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

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