



**State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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PROJECT TITLE: Interpretation of WWII Fire Control Station (13/14-OC-03)

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Project Purpose: The purpose of this project is to assess and interpret a historic World War Two (WWII) Fire Control Station.

The top of the Fire Control Station - i.e. only the access hatch opening - will be covered with Lucite (a type of acrylic) using galvanized steel brackets. This would be a reversible change to the structure. The steel hatch cover will be left open and in place to allow visitors to peer down into the Coastal Artillery Observer's Control room. Lucite or steel mesh would be installed inside the view port to prevent animals and/or visitors from crawling inside.

The interior of the structure will be cleaned, with a qualified historian monitoring the process to identify and record any historic elements from the bunker's historic period.

This project also seeks to install one (1) ADA accessible low-profile interpretive stand for interpretive display panels and one (1) bench.

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Class: 4, 11, 31

Section: 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land; 15311 – Accessory Structures;
15331 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation

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 minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment; CEQA §15311 - Accessory Structures as the placement of minor structure accessories designated for public use (bench); and CEQA §15331 - Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation as a project limited to the maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of a historical resource (WW II Fire Control Station) consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the treatment of historic properties. There is negligible expansion of existing use. The Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4).

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