



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Road  
Calabasas, CA 91302-1909

**PROJECT TITLE:** El Matador Trail and Parking Repair

**LOCATION:** Robert H. Meyer Memorial State Beach

**COUNTY:** Los Angeles

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

This project is focused on controlling the runoff in a sensible and responsible way so the conveyance of visitors and protection of resources is sustainable over time. The limits of the project will extend from the entire parking lot down to the bottom of the upper staircase.

The parking lot will be graded, and material added to get the runoff to go where it was supposed to, off to the southeast. Culvert strip-drain will be removed and a curb installed to direct runoff in that direction. A new ramp entry to the trail will be created where the original entry was located. Shrubs will be trimmed back to accommodate the trail entrance. The chemical toilet will be moved out of the enclosure near the trail entrance and be placed near the ADA chemical toilet near the parking lot. The Auto Pay machine and its solar panel will be moved to the northwest side of the new trail entrance. Erosion gullies in the trail will be filled with material to create a more sustainable grade. Along “The Turn” and “Bluff Face” portions of the trail, a series of timber steps filled with gravel and/or decomposed granite and a flexible drainpipe will be installed for more sustainable runoff management along the trail.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Angeles

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

*Class: 1, 4 Section(s): 15301 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including comments provided by CDPDR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15303 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- Repairs and minor alterations to existing facilities (portable toilet and pay machine) and “Trail or road repairs” (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- “Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent” (Class 4, Section 15304)

The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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