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

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PROJECT TITLE: Crystal Cove State Park – Trail and Stair Addition to Moro Boardwalk

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Crystal Cove State Park has a need to improve the Moro Boardwalk in several ways. These improvements include adding two staircases for better restroom access, installing six signs for interpretive and regulatory purposes, and routing the trail/boardwalk approximately twenty feet from the roadway. There is also a need to modify the trail route to provide for enhanced public safety and traffic flow. The current approved plan shows the boardwalk running parallel to the roadway to the Moro Canyon Trail Head.

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

Section: 15301; 15303; 15304

Class: 1, 3, 4

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 §15301 - Existing Facilities and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4). This project seeks to remove enhance a boardwalk and trail. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Trail maintenance" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Construction or installation of park facilities such as interpretive signing or panels" (Class 3, Section 15303)
- "Trail construction or realignment", "Resource management", and "Stewardship projects" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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