



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Stream Gage Borrego Palm Canyon (ABDSP 134)

**LOCATION:** Anza-Borrego Desert State Park      **COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The United States Geological Survey will re-install a stream gauge station in Borrego Palm Canyon. The original stream gauge was destroyed in a flood. In order to install this gauge properly, equipment and instrumentation will need to be bolted down to the local terrain to insure security from potential future flood events. The purpose of this gauge is to monitor the stream for total flow in the basin. Additionally, National Weather Service wants to use this gauge as a flood forecast point for the local area.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section            )
- Categorical Exemption  
Class: 2, 6                      Section: 15302, 15306

**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 CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction and §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity" (Class 2, Section 15302); and
- "Baseline monitoring" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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