



### 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:** Canebrake Residence Septic Tank Replacement (ABDSP 139)

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project replaces the existing deteriorated septic tank and will connect to and continue to utilize the current leach field infrastructure at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Canebrake Ranger Station employee residence, SEPTIC Facility No. 622-E-4-01-0-014. The excavation for the septic tank will be 8.5 feet long x 5.5 feet wide and 5.8 feet deep. The project area is highly disturbed and impacted because of the installation of the current septic and leach field system. Excavation will be done using a backhoe and refilled with native soil from the project area. There are no trees or vegetation in the project 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: 1, 2, and 4      Section: 15301, 15302, and 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 CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities, §15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction, and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Utility repairs or minor upgrades” (Class 1, Section 15301);
- “Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity” (Class 2, Section 15302);
- “Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored” (Class 4, Section 15304)
- “Minor public alternations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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