



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Angeles District
1925 Las Virgenes Road
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PROJECT TITLE: Inspiration Point Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Will Rogers State Historic Park

COUNTY: Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Close volunteer trails leading to and from Inspiration Point. Import clean soil from local sources in park and fill erosion gullies. Cover areas of bare soil and newly imported soil with erosion control mats. Place coir logs in drainage zones to restrict rain runoff. Re-vegetate with native species within the erosion control zones. Develop watering schedule of plants. Install Will Rogers Ranch Style fence along southern edge of overlook to keep people off re-vegetation area. Remove dilapidated picnic table, benches and hitching post. Replace benches with benches donated via the California State Parks Foundation. Maximum of four (4) benches at outer edge of point looking to south, southeast. Two 6" x 18" holes would be required for each bench for securing to a concrete base. Install two new or refurbished picnic tables. Secure tables to concrete base. Tables will be located away from outer edge of point. Install new hitching post that matches historic elements of park. Install interpretive panel describing the Historic Inspiration Loop and Point. Would require two post holes, 6": x14". Determine if patches of old asphalt pavement at Inspiration Point is historic to the period of Will Rogers; if not, remove patches of asphalt.

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: 3, 4, 11 Section(s): 15303 15304 15311

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 C DPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land, and §15311 – Accessory Structures. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Construction or installation of park facilities such as... interpretive signing or panels, fencing..." (Class 3, Section 15303);
- "Trail removal; resource management projects; new gardening or landscaping" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Construction or installation of additional public use facilities (picnic tables... etc.)" (Class 11, Section 15311)

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

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