



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Inland Empire District  
17801 Lake Perris Drive  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Brineline Protection, Chino Hills SP (14/15-IE-12)

**LOCATION:** Chino Hills State Park

**COUNTY:** Riverside

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

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood Control) has applied for a Right of Entry Permit and permanent easement to improve the protection of the brineline and to conduct geotechnical investigations. The Project consists of the installation of sheet piles in two different locations along the park's existing Santa Ana River Trail to prevent lateral erosion and scour, which could undermine and damage the Brine Line and adversely impact water quality in the watershed. Staging of vehicles and equipment will not be allowed within the State Park. Construction is scheduled to commence by February of 2015 and last approximately 7 months, ending in September of 2015. Proposed construction hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Access on the trail will be made available to all easement holders, emergency and public safety personnel, and trail users. 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:** Inland Empire

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

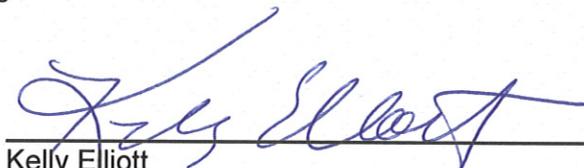
- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section \_\_\_\_\_)
- Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4, 5 Section(s): 15301 15304 15305

**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 conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 - Existing Facilities, §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land, and §15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations . The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" (Class 1, Section 1530);
- "Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Issuance of easements and permits" (Class 5, Section 15305)

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