



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Con Safos at the Bowtie Project (14/15-A-17)
LOCATION: Rio de los Angeles, Parcel G-1 **COUNTY:** Los Angeles
DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project will be located at the Bowtie Project, or parcel G-1, an unclassified sub-unit of Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Con Safos (C/S) is a symmetrical art installation by artist Rafa Esparza in partnership with non-profit organization Clockshop that currently holds a Right of Entry Permit to access the site. The installation will be built primarily out of adobe bricks and cement consisting of two intersecting trapezoid walls that meet at a 60 degree angle. This installation will create a mural wall to be used by guest artists over the course of the project with new art appearing at the beginning of each month for the duration of the installation, approximately 9 months. When looked at head on, the mural wall will resemble the symbolic icon of a house, and will be the only position allowing for an entire view of the installation. The project will be located atop an existing rectangular cement foundation just north of the "water tower." Invasive plants will be removed from the foundation and surrounding area to create a clear work space and painting surface.

Holes will be drilled along the surface of the foundation every three feet, approximately 1.25" in diameter and 6" deep to hold 5ft pieces of rebar that will provide support for the mural walls. Rebar will be drilled at every 3 feet along the base into the ground prior to cementing the first layer of bricks for structural support. Once installed, the remaining bricks will be stacked into place and staggered. Bricks will be predrilled with 2 inch holes to allow the rebar to pass through as needed. At 4 feet high, another set of rebar will be put into place at every 3 feet between the existing rebar, reinforcing a total of 8 ft. in height of the entire structure. The total height of the installation will be 12 ft. at the point of intersection, with the edges standing at 8ft, and that extend 15 ft, in length from the center intersection. Materials and equipment to be used for construction include power drills, cement, acrylic and aerosol paint, primer, ladders, and portable scaffolds.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

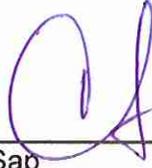
EXEMPT STATUS:

- 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 CDPR 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" (Class 3, Section 15303);
- "Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Construction or installation of additional public use facilities" (Class 11, Section 15311)

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