



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: Discovery Group Camp (SSSRA 136)

LOCATION: Salton Sea State Recreation Area. **COUNTY:** Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The dual purpose of this project is to construct a group campsite using 3 existing campsites in New Camp that provides an inviting but utilitarian site for the Kid’s Discovery Camp operated by the SSSRA Cooperating Association (Sea and Desert Interpretive Association (SDIA) – AKA Friends of Salton Sea State Recreation Area or FOSSSRA). It will also be available as a group camp for park visitors by reservation and this will help increase park revenue.

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, 3, 4, 11 Section: 15301, 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 §15301 – Existing Facilities, §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:

- “Modifications of existing facilities for handicap access” (Class 1, Section 15301);
- “Construction or installation of park facilities” (Class 3, Section 15303);
- “Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent” (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- “Construction or installation of additional public use facilities (picnic tables, etc.)” (Class 11, Section 15311)

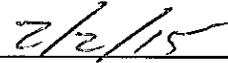
The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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