



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Palomar Well and Pump House (Project ID No. 010689)

LOCATION: Palomar Mountain State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project consists of replacement of an existing well and pump house at the Palomar Mountain State Park. The existing well has been deemed deficient by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the reason of vulnerability to Ground Water Under the Direct Influence (GWUDI) impacts due to the proximity of the existing well (~100') to Doane Creek. It was recommended by CDPH that California State Parks (CSP) install a replacement well in order to avoid surface water treatment due to the GWUDI determination. The project will consist of relocating the well and pump house northwest of the existing location to reach a separation distance of approximately 400' from Doane Creek. The project will consist of drilling a 12" inch vertical hole and installing an 8" well casing and 2-1/2" column pipe. 2-1/2" water piping and 2" electrical conduit will connect the new well and equipment to the existing 100,000 gallon reservoir located ~2,000 feet southeast of the proposed well site. All piping and conduit will be installed within the existing trail and will be installed using the trench method. The trench will be 2' wide and ~3' deep. Overhead electrical will be installed from an existing meter over the creek and then will be undergrounded to the pump house. The pump house will be a prefabricated concrete building with a footprint of 12' x 20'. The existing road/trail will need to be graded for Contractor use during construction. The existing pump house and well equipment will be demolished / removed. The existing well vertical piping will be abandoned in place. A small amount of grading will need to occur at the northeast corner of Doane Reservoir to prevent ponding of water.

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, 3, 4

Section: 15301 15302 15303 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, §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, 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" (Class 2, Section 15302);
- "Construction or installation of park facilities" (Class 3, Section 15303); and
- "Grading on land with a slope of less than 10%" and "Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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

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