



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: South Carlsbad Campground Storm Drain Installation (10-11-SD-47)

LOCATION: South Carlsbad State Beach **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project consists of the installation a new storm drain system near the south end of South Carlsbad State Beach campground. Much of this storm drain system existed prior to the development of the park (1950's) and was used to divert runoff from the vicinity of the Coast Highway. When the park campground was constructed, the existing storm drain system was utilized and extended west from the new campground road to the base of the bluff at the beach. The original storm drain system, which is comprised of a series of corrugated metal pipes (CMP), has failed in several places. The failed CMP storm drains have resulted in a massive subterranean cavern (sinkhole) beneath the campground road at the catch basin. Due to the severity and location of the sinkhole, the south end of the campground has been closed to all public access. Additionally, employee access to this area of the park has been severely diminished: the campground road is unsafe for vehicle traffic, including emergency vehicles. In a cooperative effort to share the project responsibility, the City of Carlsbad has agreed to fill the cavern and all associated city owned CMP with cement slurry. The State shall be responsible for the draining of storm water runoff generated within the park.

Draining the campground road will consist of installing a roadway catch basin and a drainage pipe to carry the runoff west to the beach. A new low profile storm drain catch basin will be installed in the campground road, and will extend approximately 24" below the roadway. An approximately 72' trench will need to be dug, and will extend from the roadway catch basin, run west through campsite #164, and end at the bluff approximately 5 1/2' below the bluff fence. The top 6' of soil below campsite #164 and the surrounding area consists of fill material that was placed there during the construction of the campground. The trench dimensions will be approximately 72' long, 24" wide, and 5 1/2' deep. A 12" diameter plastic drain pipe will be placed in the trench and will be connected to the catch basin. At the point where the pipe daylight at the bluff, an additional 12" diameter plastic pipe will be connected and follow the slope (on the surface) down to the base of the bluff and terminate at the existing beach rip rap. The surface pipe may require staking to prevent movement on the bluff.

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: San Diego Coast

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 - Statutory Exemption (Section)
 - Categorical Exemption
- Class: 2c Section(s): 15302c- 2c

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.

An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.

New structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced (class 2)

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