



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Colorado Desert District
200 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004-5005

PROJECT TITLE: Earth Day Tree Planting

LOCATION: Palomar Mountain State Park, State Park Rd. and Boucher Rd. **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Plant trees in areas of Palomar Mountain State Park, to rehabilitate natural resources damaged by the Poomacha Fire and to conserve the 100-year old historic apple orchard. Areas of focus include sections of the Silvercrest hilltop, sections between the Scott's cabin trail and Doane Valley Rd., and sections on the west side of Doane Valley Rd. 0.2 mile north of the Doane Valley Rd. and State Park Rd. intersection to the Cedar Group Camp. Work will also include removal of up to approximately 200 square yards of Ceonothus, which moved into the area following the fire and is crowding out other plant species and inhibiting regrowth.

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: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 4 *Section:* 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. Project consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities or topographical features, involving no expansion of use and minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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