



## 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:** Conceptual Design Proposal for Watts Towers Entrance Beautification

**LOCATION:** Watts Towers of Simon Rodia SHP      **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The goal of the overall project is to develop an attractive entrance, increase visitation, and interpret the history of the site, specifically the house of Simon Rodia. The proposed project is the conceptual design development by the City of Los Angeles to upgrade existing public use areas. No improvements would occur in the Historic Zone. The improvements proposed include benches, fountains and landscaping. The project will be managed by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department with Support from State Parks.

**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: 1 & 3      Section(s): 15301 15303*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.  
There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)  
Consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities (Class 3)

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