

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



Inland Empire District

March 4, 2021

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS ORDER NO. 950-21-002

Supersedes Posted Order 950-19-002

Whereas: The dramatic growth and popularity of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) within the Inland Empire District has numerous negative impacts to the special resources, park operation, and the unique visitor experiences afforded by the District. UAS are an emergent technology generally inconsistent with the park experience. UAS can have negative impacts on the regional wildlife found within the Inland Empire District. UAS can be noisy and intrusive to natural soundscapes and vistas and present a fire hazard. Further, UAS can interfere with emergency rescue operations.

Therefore:

1. To protect wildlife and cultural resources, and for the safety and welfare of visitors and staff; the Park units in the Inland Empire District are closed to the use of Model Aircraft, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), and Gliders in flight.
2. An exception to this order is the operation of unpowered remote controlled gliders and sailplanes containing no thrust producing mechanisms, providing forward thrust aiding in flight of the aircraft, flown over, to the south and along the west ridge of Glider Point located at Chino Hills State Park. Gliders and sailplanes flown, shall not be equipped with any camera or other still image, video, or sound recording devices. Gliders and sailplane operators shall fully comply will all applicable FAA regulations with regard to model aircraft operation.
3. The District Superintendent, or designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All Exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Inland Empire District, 17801 Lake Perris Dr., Perris, California 92571.
4. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private contract or property rights.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

Kelly Elliott

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District Superintendent

Authority:

State of California Public Resources Code, Sections 5003 and 5008
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4300, 4301(i), and 4326

Copies of this order have been filed with the Desert Division Chief's office.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER NO. 950-21-002

I hereby declare that on March 4, 2021, District Superintendent's Order No.950-21-002, hereto attached, was posted at the office of the Sector and parks where it is to be in effect, as well as at other locations, which were determined necessary by the Superintendent of the Inland Empire District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Kelly Elliott

Kelly Elliott
District Superintendent
Inland Empire District

03/04/2021

Date