



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 2019018145

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PROJECT TITLE: Cesar Chavez Interpretive Panels (ABDSP 207)

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will produce four interpretive panels relating the events in 1966 that occurred in Borrego Springs involving Cesar Chavez and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park® and to recognize the difficult stance Wes Cater, Park Supervisor took at the time to follow the law and allow Chavez and union organizers to camp in Borrego Palm Canyon campground, despite pressure from influential people in Borrego Springs to remove them. The project includes Borrego Springs High School students, providing them with valuable experience in graphic design, exposing them to State Park careers, and connecting them to the park and their community. Four holes approximately two feet by two feet and three feet deep will be dug to set each of the 4 monopole graphic panel support frames. Concrete will be used in the holes for support and soil spoils will be spread out and contoured to restore the ground surface.

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: 3 and 11 Section: 15303 and 15311

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 §15303 New Construction – Interpretive signing or panels and §15311 Accessory Structures – Installation of signs. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “New Construction – Interpretive signing or panels” (Class 3, Section 15303)
- “Accessory Structures – Installation of signs” (Class 11, Section 15311)

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