



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: Soils Survey

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Palm Canyon Drive and S-22

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct soil and vegetation surveys at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as part of the multiyear National Cooperative Soil Survey carried out by the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Soil types will be sampled primarily through the use of hand dug observation pits, or, in some instances where logistics and physical access are feasible, a small truck mounted backhoe for digging will be used. Holes will be dug with the approximate dimensions of three feet long, two feet wide, and 60 inches. Additionally, basic information about vegetation associated with the various soils will be observed and recorded. NEPA evaluation has been conducted by the USDA, which has determined the project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. 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:* 6 *Section:* 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included in DPR's list of exempt activities as "resource studies, inventories" in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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