



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Vault Toilets, Fencing, Signage, and Iron Ranger Project (ABDSP 210)

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will improve visitor services by providing accessible toilets and parking as well as increased interpretation of the Park. Fencing will protect Park resources and minimize the need for future maintenance.

The project will consist of installing two new concrete vault toilets (CXT) at public use areas Peg Leg and the Slot in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The CXT is a double stall toilet and van accessible concrete ADA parking pad and walkway to the CXT. Each CXT will require excavation to accommodate the vaults. Soil from the excavation will be used in the area to backfill low spots and fill in non-authorized trail entrenchments. Excess excavated material will be hauled away and properly stored for future projects. The van accessible ADA Parking pad for both locations will require a re-bar reinforced concrete pad.

A post and cable fence will be installed at the parking lot at the Slot to control vehicle parking and direct hikers to access the Slot by the correct trail route. The fence will parallel the edge of the parking area just above the Slot canyon ridge. The fence will be approximately 192 feet long and the posts will be approximately 10 feet apart. Each post will be buried.

One "Iron ranger" self-register fee station will be place at the vehicle entrance to Peg Leg. It will be placed in an excavated hole and secured with concrete.

Signage will be installed at both locations. At the slot, an interpretive panel will be placed to help indicate the correct trailhead and give visitors educational information about the area. The panel will be supported by a two-post heavy metal frame. Each metal post will be placed in a hole and secured with concrete. Directional and informational signs or placards will be placed to indicate ADA elements, vehicle parking, routes of travel, trailhead, fee area iron ranger use, and park rules.

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

Section: 15303

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 conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Construction or installation of minor park facilities..." (Class 3, Section 15303)

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