



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Los Trancos Creek Maintenance Project

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The proposed project will accomplish needed streambed maintenance within Los Trancos Creek, and includes the replacement of a riprap spillway structure and sediment removal along portions of the creek. Over the last several years, large storm flows through Los Trancos Creek have resulted in substantial sediment deposition and flooding, as well as damage to the existing spillway structure. Due to its proximity to the Crystal Cove Historic District, streambed maintenance within the creek is required to reduce the risk of flooding and damage to historic structures and to maintain safe public access. Existing, grouted riprap will be broken into pieces and used to construct an ungrouted riprap spillway, which will dissipate flows and protect the adjacent pedestrian sidewalk. A retaining wall will also be installed between the pedestrian sidewalk and the riprap spillway. Sediment will also be removed in this area to restore flood capacity to its originally designed condition from approximately 100 feet south of the proposed riprap spillway to the pedestrian bridge in the southern portion of the study area. Sediment and vegetation (including trees and shrubs) within this area will be removed, thereby lowering streambed elevation and restoring Los Trancos to its original design contours. Following sediment removal, native vegetation will be replanted where appropriate. For a detailed project description and assessment of potential benefits and impacts, see the attached Biotechnical Report for the "Los Trancos Creek Maintenance Project".

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Orange Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 1

Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project is considered routine maintenance of critical, existing infrastructure. No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.4. To avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts of the project to below a significant level, the Department (and its contractors) shall following all avoidance and minimization measures proposed in Chapter 6 Biotechnical Report. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt maintenance activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

Class 1, Section 15301: "Existing Facilities"

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