## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

1416 Ninth Street P.O. Box 942896

Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Picacho Water Reservoir Fence

**LOCATION: Picacho State Recreation Area** 

**COUNTY**: Imperial

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project will result in the enclosure of the existing water reservoir and water communication instruments to avoid vandalism to the park's portable water storage. The proposed fence is at Picacho State Recreation Area, by the entrance of the park and northwest of the group camp. The chain link fence will be constructed with 8' fence posts and will enclose approximately 2500 square feet. The fence posts will be set at a maximum depth of 24" into the ground at 6' to 10' intervals, depending on the hill slope. The manufactured chain-link gates for these new fences will provide 36" of clearance to conform to ADA guidelines. The holes will be dug with a 2-man auger or with a post-hole digger/shovel depending on soil surface. The fence material will be a 9-gauge galvanized chain link fence that is 6' tall with privacy aluminum slats.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District

☐ Declared Emergency (	
☐ Emergency Project (Se	ection 15269(b) and (c)
☐ Statutory Exemption (\$	
□ Categorical Exemption	1
Class: 1	Section: 15301

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project will result in minor addition to an existing structure and there is no potential for significant environmental impacts.

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**EXEMPT STATUS:** 

Ocotillo Wells District

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District Superintendent Ocotillo Wells District

Steve Quartieri

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE** 

5/4/2020 DATE

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PROJECT TITLE	•	PARK UNIT NAME		
Picacho Water Reservoir Fence	Picacho SRA			
DISTRICT NAME		FACILITY NO.		
Ocotillo Wells	·	•		
PROJECT MANAGER	PHONE NO.	EMAIL .		
Julio Baeza	760-554-8902	julio.baeza@parks.ca.gov		
DISTRICT PROJECT MANAGER	PHONE NO.	EMAIL		
Alfredo Jacobo	760-767-1328	alfredo.jacobo@parks.ca.gov		
PROJECT BID DATE	CONSTRUCTION START DATE	FUNDING SOURCE		
		Water and Waste Water Funds		

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Identify the scope of the project in detail, including its purpose, location, and potential impacts. If the ground is to be disturbed, describe the depth and extent of excavation. Describe the existing site conditions, including previous development. Note if work will impact or extend beyond park property. Indicate if work will be done in conjunction with, or as part of, other projects. (<u>Use additional pages if necessary.</u>)

The purpose of this project is to enclose the water reservoir and the small solar panel with the water communication instruments to avoid vandalism to our portable water storage.

The proposed fence is at Picacho State Recreation Area, by the entrance of the park and northwest of the group camp. The chain link fence will be constructed with 8' fence posts and will enclose approximately 2,500 square feet. The posts will be set at a maximum depth of 24" into the ground at 6' to 10' intervals, depending on the slope of the hill. The manufactured chain-link gates for these new fences will provide 36" of clearance to conform to ADA guidelines. The holes will be dug with a 2-man power auger or with a post-hole digger and post-hole shovel depending on soil surface. The fence material will be a 9 gauge galvanized chain link fence that is 6' tall with privacy aluminum slats.

# DOCUMENTS ATTACHED 7.5 minute (quad) map of project area (Required) Site Map (Required - Scale should show relationship to existing buildings, roads, landscape features, etc.) DPR 727 Accessibility Review and Comment Sheet (Required - Attach DPR 727 or emailed project exemption from the Accessibility Section.) Sea-level Rise Worksheet (for coastal park units) Graphics (Specify - photos, diagrams, drawings, cross-sections, etc.): Other (Specify):

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REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS					
IS AN APPLICATION, PERMIT, OR CONSULTATION REQUIRED?  Coastal Development Permit DFG Stream Alteration Permit State & Federal Endangered Species Consultation Corps of Engineers 404 Permit RWQCB or NPDES Permit DPR Right to Enter or Temporary Use Permit PRC 5024 Review Stormwater Management Plan Encroachment Permit (Specify Agency): Native American Consultation Other (Specify):  COMMENTS:	YES	MAYBE		CONTACT	
DEPARTMENT POLICY COMPLIANCE		The same of the sa			-
HAS A GENERAL PLAN BEEN APPROVED FOR THE UNIT?  If YES, is the project consistent with the GP?			YES	NO \( \subseteq \)	
If NO, what is the project justification? Is it a temporary facility? (No permanent resource commitmen Health and Safety? Is it a Resource Management Project? Is it repairing, replacing, or rehabilitating an existing facility?	nt)				
IS THE PROJECT WITHIN A CLASSIFIED SUBUNIT? Natural Preserve Cultural Preserve					
State Wilderness					
IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CULTURA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES?	4L		$\boxtimes$		
IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION MANUAL CHAPTER 0300?	IONS	g.	$\boxtimes$		
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		Ехр	RESOURCES lain all 'Yes' or 'Maybe' answers in the "Evaluation and Comments" section (reference by letter and number). Attach additional pages, if necessary.
YES	MAYBE		<ul> <li>A. EARTH – WILL THE PROJECT:</li> <li>1. Create unstable soil or geologic conditions?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect topographic features?</li> <li>3. Adversely affect any unusual or significant geologic features?</li> <li>4. Increase wind or water erosion?</li> <li>5. Adversely affect sand deposition or erosion of a sand beach?</li> <li>6. Expose people, property, or facilities to geologic hazards or hazardous waste?</li> <li>7. Adversely affect any paleontological resource?</li> </ul>
YES	MAYBE	NO M M M M	<ul> <li>B. AIR – WILL THE PROJECT:</li> <li>1. Adversely affect general air quality or climatic patterns?</li> <li>2. Introduce airborne pollutants that may affect plant or animal vigor or viability?</li> <li>3. Increase levels of dust or smoke?</li> <li>4. Adversely affect visibility?</li> </ul>
YES	MAYBI		<ul> <li>C. WATER - WILL THE PROJECT:</li> <li>1. Change or adversely affect movement in marine or fresh waters?</li> <li>2. Change or adversely affect drainage patterns or sediment transportation rates?</li> <li>3. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of groundwater?</li> <li>4. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of surface waters?</li> <li>5. Expose people or property to flood waters?</li> <li>6. Adversely affect existing or potential aquatic habitat(s)?</li> </ul>
YES	MAYBE	NO N	<ul> <li>D. PLANT LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT:</li> <li>1. Adversely affect any native plant community?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect any unique, rare, endangered, or protected plant species?</li> <li>3. Introduce a new species of plant to the area?</li> <li>4. Adversely affect agricultural production?</li> <li>5. Adversely affect the vigor or structure of any tree?</li> <li>6. Encourage the growth or spread of alien (non-native) species?</li> <li>7. Interfere with established fire management plans or practices?</li> </ul>
YES	MAYBE	NO N N N N N N N	<ul> <li>E. ANIMAL LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT:</li> <li>1. Adversely affect any native or naturalized animal population?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect any unusual, rare, endangered, or protected species?</li> <li>3. Adversely affect any animal habitat?</li> <li>4. Introduce or encourage the proliferation of any non-native species?</li> </ul>
	MAYBE		<ul> <li>F. CULTURAL RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT:</li> <li>1. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic archeological site, or tribal cultural resource?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object?</li> <li>3. Cause an adverse physical or aesthetic effect on an eligible or contributing building, structure, object, or cultural landscape?</li> <li>4. Diminish the informational or research potential of a cultural resource?</li> <li>5. Increase the potential for vandalism or looting?</li> <li>6. Disturb any human remains?</li> <li>7. Restrict access to a sacred site or inhibit the traditional religious practice of a Native American community?</li> </ul>

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YES	MAYBE	NO	<ol> <li>Create a visually offensive sit</li> </ol>	a or view? evels? f the scenic resources in the immediate area or park-wide? e? t design established for this unit or diminish the intended	
YES	MAYBE	NO 	3. Have an adverse effect on th opportunities or facilities?	e quality of the intended visitor experience? e quality or quantity of existing or future recreational e accessibility of recreational facilities (e.g., ADA	
YES	MAYBE	NO _	Has this project been evaluate surge, and other extreme events Guidance Document Rise Worksheet (provided in 2. Based on the evaluation descriptions).	The EVENTS (COASTAL UNITS ONLY):  The def for potential impacts from sea-level rise, coastal storm ents, using the Department's Sea-Level Rise and Extreme for an equivalent process? Please attach the Sea-Level the guidance document) or other detailed evaluation. Caribed above, will the project be adversely impacted by the internal int	
A4. E antici A7. I it is u F1,3, archa	EVALUATION AND COMMENTS  A4. Erosion, particularly from water, is currently impacting the hill that the water tank is on. The project is not anticipated to increase erosion.  A7. It is unknown what the paleontological potential is in the project area. The area has been previously disturbed and it is unlikely that paleontological reosurces would be impacted.  F1,3, and 4. It is possible that unknown and/or subsurface cultural resources could be impacted by the project. An archaeological monitor will be present during ground-disturbing activities.  G3. The water tank is on top of a hill and the addition of a fence does slightly reduce the visual quality of the immediate				
area.	area. This impact is anticipated to be less than significant.  ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  To Be Completed by Qualified Specialist(s) ONLY.				
ENV	Attach additional reviews or continuation pages, as necessary.  ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)				
Findings:  ☑ No Impact ☐ Impact(s), see conditions/mitigations below or on attached page(s) ☐ Potential Significant Impact  Explain  The project will result in the installation of a small fence around an existing water tank facility. The project area has been previously disturbed and no known sensitive resources are present. No potential significant impacts are anticipated.					
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<ul> <li>☑ Reviewer is Designated District/Service Center/Division Tribal I</li> <li>☑ NAHC Listed Tribe(s) contacted (attach correspondence record</li> </ul>	iaison or Designee			
<ul><li>□ DN 2007-05 Tribal Consultation Only</li><li>□ AB52 Consultation Initiated</li></ul>				
Findings:  Project action does not have potential to affect "tribal cultural" resources (explain)  Check more than one box if tribes provide differing responses, and describe all consultations below.  Tribe(s) did not respond  Tribe(s) approved project as written  Tribe(s) approved project with treatments or conditions  Tribe(s) and DPR unable to reach mutual agreement on project treatments or conditions				
Explain  A Sacred Lands File Search was sent to the Native American Heritage Comission on 8/1/2019 and came back positive for the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation. Letters, phone calls, and an email were sent, but no response was received as of 4/14/2020. It is unknown from Parks documents if anything was previously located on the hill where the tank sits. A small hill top survey was conducted by A. Napier, no artifacts were found.  If previously undocumented or subsurface cultural resources are encountered during the project, work should stop within the immediate vicinity of the find until a DPR-qualified archaeologist can evaluate and implement avoidance or other appropriate treatment measures. If any changes are made to the scope or location of the project work, additional review by a cultural resources specialist will be necessary.				
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8 9	Alex Napier			
Assistant State Archaeologist		04/14/2020		
ARCHEOLOGIST COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUI	PED EOR ALL EINI	DINGS)		
Findings:  No PRC 5024 necessary (provide justification)  PRC 5024 attached; project approved as written  PRC 5024 attached, conditions necessary  PRC 5024 attached, mitigations and/or potential significant imparts				
Explain  There are no recorded sites in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project, although there is a possiblity of subsurface deposits. A survey conducted by A. Napier on 6/6/2019 was completed without any findings. The work will take place on the top of a hill that has fairly regular traffic. If previously undocumented or subsurface cultural resources are encountered during the project, work should stop within the immediate vicinity of the find until a DPR-qualified archaeologist can evaluate and implement avoidance or other appropriate treatment measures. If any changes are made to the scope or location of the project work, additional review by a cultural resources specialist will be necessary. At the discretion of the District Archaeologist, a monitor may be needed for this project.				
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Associate State Archaeologist		DATE 4/27/20		

# PICACHO WATER RESERVOIR FENCE

# PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

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HISTORIAN COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR	R ALL FINDINGS)			
Findings:				
No PRC 5024 necessary ( <u>provide justification</u> )  PRC 5024 attached, project approved as written  PRC 5024 attached, conditions necessary  PRC 5024 attached, mitigations and/or potential significant impacts				
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST COMMENTS AND SIGNATUR	E (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)			
Findings:  No Impact Impact(s), see conditions/mitigations below or on attached page(s) Potential Significant Impact  Explain  The project area has been previously disturbed and is sparsely vegetation. Work should be timed for outside of the California in August 15. If work will occur during the California nesting bird searea for nests no more than 7 days prior to work starting. If a neproject should be rescheduled to avoid nesting birds. A biologic discretion of the District Environmental Scientist.	esting bird season, generally defined as February 1- eason, a biological monitor should inspect the project est is detected, either a buffer should be applied or the			
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Environmental Scientist	4/29/20			
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ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR REVIEW					
YES MAYBE NO CUMULATIVE IMPACTS  1. Will the project be conducted in conjunction with or at the same time as other project					
		at the park?  2. Will the project be part of a series of inter-related projects?			
		3. Are there any other projects that must be completed for any part of this project to become operational?			
		4. Are there any other projects (including deferred maintenance) that have been completed or any probable future projects that could contribute to the cumulative impacts of this project?			
		5. Are any of the project	ts that relate to the propose	d work outside the General Plan?	
COMMENTS: It is unlikely that multiple projects would occur simultaneously at Picacho SRA due to current staffing levels, however it is possible that unrelated projects may be worked on during the same time frame. This project is independent of other projects, and other than routine maintenance, no future projects are anticipated. Picacho SRA does not have a General Plan.					
RECOMMENDATION:  Not a project for the purposes of CEQA compliance. Project is covered activity under DOM 0600 (Figure F) that does not require a Notice of Exemption; Project is covered activity under previously prepared CEQA Document (internal or external); cite SCH number The project is exempt. File a Notice of Exemption.  A Negative Declaration should be prepared. A Mitigated Negative Declaration should be prepared. An EIR should be prepared.  Comment Section above.					
SIGNATURE	1		PRINTED NAME Sara Lockett		
TITLE	ntal Scient	et	Oura Lookett	DATE 4/29/20	
Environmental Scientist 4 29 20  DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW					
COMMENTS:  I acknowledge any constraints placed on the project as a result of the specialists' comments above and					
recommend the project proceed.					
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### State of California – Natural Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

### ACCESSIBILITY DIVISION

### REVIEW SHEET ME Project: Picacho Water Reservoir Fence Design Entity: Ocotillo Wells District Location: Picacho SRA Project Manager: Julio Baeza Review Date: 12/5/19 Reviewer: Peter Oliver, CASp-818 Project Phase: PEF Phone: 916-445-8769

This review and comment does not authorize any omissions or deviations from applicable regulations. The intent of this review is for general conformance with applicable parts of Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design (ADASAD), California Code of Regulations Title 24 - access compliance, and the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines (CSPAG). Plans were reviewed solely on the items submitted to the Accessibility Section as it relates to standards in design and construction of accessibility features for individuals with disabilities. All construction must comply with the Latest Editions of the California Building Code (CBC), California Mechanical Code (CMC), California Plumbing Code (CPC), California Electrical code (CEC), California Fire Code (CFC), current editions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and all other prevailing state and federal regulations.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

Accessibility Section has completed review of the PEF and approves moving forward with the project. However the following items must be addressed:

- Verify that the enclosed area (water reservoir, solar panel, communication instruments) may be considered a "machinery space... frequented only by service personnel for maintenance, repair or occasional monitoring of equipment."
  - o If this definition applies, the project is not required to meet accessibility requirements and is exempt from access compliance review per CBC 11B-203.5.
  - o If this definition does not apply, all pedestrian gates must comply with requirements of CBC 11B-404 including clear and level ground surfaces, accessible hardware height and operation, smooth surfaces at the bottom 10" of the gate, and other requirements.

Approval of this PEF does not authorize or approve any omission or deviation from applicable regulations. Final approval is subject to field inspection.

END OF COMMENTS

Picacho Water Reservoir Fence Project 12/02/19



