



## 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:** Salton Sea Visitor Center Tamarisk Removal

**LOCATION:** Salton Sea SRA

**COUNTY:** Riverside

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Eight invasive tamarisk trees, *Tamarix ramosissima*, will be removed from the viewshed of the Salton Sea SRA Visitor Center. Staff will utilize handsaws and loppers to cut the tamarisk, then treat the stumps with an application of Garlon 4 Ultra. All biomass will be transported to the park "boneyard," staged there for 6-12 months, then disposed of. Disposition may consist of burning, chipping, or removal in a dumpster

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

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption  
Class: Class 33 Section: 15333

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project will result in the removal of eight invasive tamarisk, with no significant adverse impacts to the environment, sensitive species, or when considering cumulatively. The project will disturb less than 0.25 acres

**CONTACT:** Sara Lockett  
Ocotillo Wells District

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**Jun 23 2020**

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Steve Quartieri  
District Superintendent  
Ocotillo Wells District

6/19/2020

DATE

Project ID No. 206379

PCA No. \_\_\_\_\_

# PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

PROJECT CONCEPT		
PROJECT TITLE Salton Sea Visitor Center Tamarisk Removal		PARK UNIT NAME Salton Sea SRA
DISTRICT NAME Ocotillo Wells SVRA		FACILITY NO.
PROJECT MANAGER Jeffrey Price	PHONE NO. 760-767-5772	EMAIL Jeff.Price@parks.ca.gov
DISTRICT PROJECT MANAGER Sara Lockett	PHONE NO. 760-767-1320	EMAIL Sara.Lockett@parks.ca.gov
PROJECT BID DATE	CONSTRUCTION START DATE	FUNDING SOURCE

**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. (Use additional pages if necessary.)*

Utilizing California State Park staff and California State Parks Foundation Parks Champion volunteers, 8 invasive tamarisk, *Tamarix ramosissima*, will be removed from the Salton Sea State Recreation Area Visitor Center's view shed of the Salton Sea. Staff and volunteers will utilize hand saws and loppers to cut the tamarisk and follow with an application of Garlon 4 Ultra. Herbicide application will be conducted by a qualified applicator, or one trained by the qualified applicator. All cut biomass will be transported to the park "boneyard", staged there for 6 – 12 months and then burned, if permitted by Riverside County Air Pollution Control District. If burning is not permitted all biomass will be hauled off in a roll off dumpster or go through a wood chipper. See attached for full description.

**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):

## Project Description

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## SCOPE

Eight invasive tamarisk, *Tamarix ramosissima*, are damaging the viewshed from the visitor center's panoramic view. They are currently about 30 to 40 feet from the visitor center with GPS coordinates for each individual listed below. This species can be a many branched shrub or a shrubby tree usually connected at the base with a deep tap root. Often times, the connection between the many branches is not visible above ground. Each individual tamarisk will be cut within 2 inches of the ground using hand tools (i.e.: loppers, hand saws, etc.). The cut surface should be horizontal to the ground in preparation of herbicide application and reduce runoff. All debris and biomass around the stumps will be removed to bare mineral soil prior to the final cut and herbicide application to maximize absorption. Tamarisk removal activity will only occur above ground, no digging will occur.

Once a tamarisk has been cut down, a permitted herbicide applicator will apply Garlon 4 Ultra herbicide to the stumps within 5 minutes. Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied onto tamarisk the entire cut surfaces with either a paint brush, backpack sprayer, or small hand pump bottle. Personal protective equipment (i.e.: gloves, long sleeves, eye protection, etc.) will be worn and used by the applicator at all times when handling the herbicide. After herbicide application a heavy black plastic sheet will be placed over the stumps to reduce the possibility of regrowth. Sheets will be removed when stumps are checked for the success of removal.

Tamarisk that has been cut will be transported to the park "boneyard." The discarded tamarisk will be left to dry out until they are ready to be burned in a burn pit, between 6 – 12 months, if permitted by Riverside County Air Pollution Control District. If burning is not permitted all biomass will be hauled off in a roll off dumpster or go through a wood chipper.

To insure the success of tamarisk removal and continued value of the visitor center viewshed, continued maintenance cutting tamarisk and applying herbicide will occur if stumps show signs of regrowth.

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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*):

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COMMENTS:

## DEPARTMENT POLICY COMPLIANCE

### HAS A GENERAL PLAN BEEN APPROVED FOR THE UNIT?

If YES, is the project consistent with the GP?

If NO, what is the project justification?

Is it a temporary facility? (No permanent resource commitment)

Health and Safety?

Is it a Resource Management Project?

Is it repairing, replacing, or rehabilitating an existing facility?

YES	NO
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### IS THE PROJECT WITHIN A CLASSIFIED SUBUNIT?

Natural Preserve

Cultural Preserve

State Wilderness

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS MANUAL CHAPTER 0300?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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COMMENTS:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT PROJECT CONCEPT APPROVAL OR DESIGNEE



TITLE

District Sup (Acting)

DATE

9/23/19

**PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)****RESOURCES**


*Explain all 'Yes' or 'Maybe' answers in the "Evaluation and Comments" section (reference by letter and number). Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

YES	MAYBE	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>A. EARTH – WILL THE PROJECT:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Create unstable soil or geologic conditions?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Adversely affect topographic features?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Adversely affect any unusual or significant geologic features?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Increase wind or water erosion?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Adversely affect sand deposition or erosion of a sand beach?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Expose people, property, or facilities to geologic hazards or hazardous waste?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Adversely affect any paleontological resource?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>B. AIR – WILL THE PROJECT:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Adversely affect general air quality or climatic patterns?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Introduce airborne pollutants that may affect plant or animal vigor or viability?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Increase levels of dust or smoke?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Adversely affect visibility?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>C. WATER – WILL THE PROJECT:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Change or adversely affect movement in marine or fresh waters?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Change or adversely affect drainage patterns or sediment transportation rates?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of groundwater?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of surface waters?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Expose people or property to flood waters?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Adversely affect existing or potential aquatic habitat(s)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>D. PLANT LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Adversely affect any native plant community?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Adversely affect any unique, rare, endangered, or protected plant species?
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Adversely affect agricultural production?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Adversely affect the vigor or structure of any tree?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Encourage the growth or spread of alien (non-native) species?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Interfere with established fire management plans or practices?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>E. ANIMAL LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Adversely affect any native or naturalized animal population?
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Adversely affect any animal habitat?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Introduce or encourage the proliferation of any non-native species?
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic archeological site, or tribal cultural resource?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Cause an adverse physical or aesthetic effect on an eligible or contributing building, structure, object, or cultural landscape?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Diminish the informational or research potential of a cultural resource?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Increase the potential for vandalism or looting?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Disturb any human remains?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Restrict access to a sacred site or inhibit the traditional religious practice of a Native American community?

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YES	MAYBE	NO	<b>G. AESTHETIC RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adversely affect a scenic vista or view?</li> <li>Significantly increase noise levels?</li> <li>Adversely affect the quality of the scenic resources in the immediate area or park-wide?</li> <li>Create a visually offensive site?</li> <li>Be incompatible with the park design established for this unit or diminish the intended sense of “a special park quality” for the visitor?</li> </ol>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I. SEA-LEVEL RISE AND EXTREME EVENTS (COASTAL UNITS ONLY):</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has this project been evaluated for potential impacts from sea-level rise, coastal storm surge, and other extreme events, using the Department’s Sea-Level Rise and Extreme Events Guidance Document or an equivalent process? <i>Please attach the Sea-Level Rise Worksheet (provided in the guidance document) or other detailed evaluation.</i></li> <li>Based on the evaluation described above, will the project be adversely impacted by frequent flooding or permanent inundation during its expected lifetime?</li> </ol>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-coastal unit
<b>EVALUATION AND COMMENTS</b> A6. Herbicides will be applied to tamarisk stumps. All applicators would be trained Parks staff and BMPs would be followed. D5. Non-native tamarisk trees would be cut down as a result of this project. E1-3. The tamarisk may provide habitat for a variety of wildlife, particularly birds. H1. The project will occur in a public use area.			
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW</b> <i>To Be Completed by Qualified Specialist(s) ONLY.</i> <i>Attach additional reviews or continuation pages, as necessary.</i>			
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)</b>  <b>Findings:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Impact(s), see conditions/mitigations below or on attached page(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Significant Impact  <b>Explain</b> The project will remove a small number of tamarisk trees and improve the viewshed of the Salton Sea from the Visitor Center. No impacts are anticipated.			
SIGNATURE		PRINTED NAME	
		Sara Lockett	
TITLE		DATE	
Environmental Scientist		12/4/2019	

## PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

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### TRIBAL LIAISON COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)

- ☒ Reviewer is Designated District/Service Center/Division Tribal Liaison or Designee  
☐ NAHC Listed Tribe(s) contacted (attach correspondence record for contact and findings)  
☐ DN 2007-05 Tribal Consultation Only  
☐ AB52 Consultation Initiated

#### 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

No known tribal cultural resources are present in the area. A Sacred Lands File Search was conducted on 8/27/2019 and was returned with a negative results. A pedestrian survey was conducted by A. Napier on 8/12/2019 and no surface artifacts were located. This area has been previously disturbed and is in a high traffic day use area, and the presence of intact subsurface archaeological deposits is unlikely. If subsurface archaeological deposits are encountered during the ground disturbance, all work should be immediately terminated until a DPR-qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the deposits.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

Alex Napier

TITLE

Assistant State Archaeologist

DATE

9/4/2019

### ARCHEOLOGIST COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)

#### 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 impacts

#### Explain

A pedestrian surey was conducted on 8/12/2019 and no cultural resources were located. This area is populated with invasive tamarisk and native bushes and ground visibility was low. Extra care should be taken to search area after tamarisk are removed and while the work is going on. 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 speicalst will be necessary.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

Hayley Elsen

TITLE

Associate State Archaeologist

DATE

10/24/2019

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## HISTORIAN COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)

### 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 impacts

Explain TAMARISK IS A NON-NATIVE, INVASIVE SPECIES. NO HISTORIC RESOURCES WILL BE EFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING; TAMARISK IS NOT AN ELEMENT OF THE HISTORIC/CULTURAL LANDSCAPE.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

ROBERT C. PAVLIK

TITLE

STATE HISTORIAN II (RA)

DATE

OCT. 8, 2019

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST 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

See next page.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

Sara Lockett

TITLE

Environmental Scientist

DATE

## MAINTENANCE CHIEF/SUPERVISOR (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)

### COMMENTS:

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PRINTED NAME

TITLE

DATE

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## HISTORIAN COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)

### 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 impacts

### Explain

See previous page.

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME



TITLE

DATE

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST 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 removal of 8 non-native tamarisk trees to improve the viewshed from the visitor center. As the goal of the project is to improve the viewshed, no additional trees will be planted. Native vegetation will not be removed. Herbicide application may only be done by trained personnel.

The tamarisk must be removed between August 15<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid impacting nesting birds. If a nest is found during that season, an Environmental Scientist should be notified immediately and work must halt until the nest can be evaluated.

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME



Sara Lockett

TITLE

DATE

Environmental Scientist

10/8/2019

## MAINTENANCE CHIEF/SUPERVISOR (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)

COMMENTS: THIS PROJECT WILL BE EFFICIENT IF WE APPLY THE HERBICIDE AFTER FRESH CUTTING, ALSO WE NEED TO REMOVE CUT BRANCHES OR TAMARISK DEBRIS FROM ANY WATER OR MOIST SOIL TO AVOID RE SPROUTING.

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME



ALFREDO JACOBO




PMCH

12-6-19

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TITLE	DATE
<b>GIS SPECIALIST (COMMENTER MUST INCLUDE TITLE AND SIGNATURE)</b> <i>Will move tamarisk data to new "invasive plants" layer on AGOL</i>	
SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME <i>Don Solleder</i>
TITLE <i>RATT</i>	DATE <i>12.8.2019</i>
<b>OTHER COMMENTS (COMMENTER MUST INCLUDE TITLE AND SIGNATURE)</b>	
SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME
TITLE	DATE
<b>OTHER COMMENTS (COMMENTER MUST INCLUDE TITLE AND SIGNATURE)</b>	
SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME
TITLE	DATE

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## ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR REVIEW

YES MAYBE NO

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### CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

1. Will the project be conducted in conjunction with or at the same time as other projects 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 projects that relate to the proposed work outside the General Plan?

**COMMENTS:** Depending on staff availability, multiple projects may be completed simultaneously at the park. Tamarisk is present throughout the unit and it is probable that future projects may target it for removal, however these activities would be independent of this project.

### 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.
- ☐ AB52 Consultation Initiated. See Tribal Liaison Comment Section above.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

Sara Lockett

TITLE

Environmental Scientist

DATE

12/4/19

## 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.**

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL SIGNATURE



TITLE

District Superintendent 3

DATE

June 19, 2020

State of California – Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

ACCESSIBILITY DIVISION

**R E V I E W   &   C O M M E N T   S H E E T**

Project:	Salton Sea VC Tamarisk Removal	Design Entity:	Ocotillo Wells SVRA
Location:	Salton Sea SVRA	Project Manager:	Jeff Price
Review Date:	10/9/19	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.

**G E N E R A L   C O M M E N T S**

Accessibility Section has completed review of this PEF, determined that there are no accessibility requirements, and the project is exempt for accessibility compliance. Unless the scope of work changes, no further review is required.

**E N D   O F   C O M M E N T S**

# Salton Sea SRA



# Salton Sea SRA Visitor Center Tamarisk Removal



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0 50 100 200 Feet

## SSSRA Tamarisk to remove

