



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Blair Valley and Quartz Vein Campfire Rings (ABDSP 224)

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project consists of the installation of twenty-four (24) steel pre-fabricated ADA compliant fire rings at the Blair Valley Primitive Campground and one (1) at Quartz Vein Wash in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The fire rings will be placed in various locations in the campground to eliminate the increasing illegal ground fire problem. A 3x3 hole for each fire at approximately 12 inches deep will be dug for each fire ring. The installation work for the fire rings will be completed by California State Park employees and will benefit Anza-Borrego Desert State Park by eliminating the illegal ground fires in the Blair Valley Primitive Campground and possibly preventing a wildland fire.

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: 11


Section: 15311

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 § 15311 – Accessory Structures. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Construction or installation of additional public use facilities (picnic tables, lockers, etc.)” (Class 11, Section 15311)

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