



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Drinking Water Storage Tanks Security Fencing (PMSP 231)

**LOCATION:** Palomar Mountain State Park

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project will install new security fencing to protect the Silvercrest and Doane Pond drinking water holding tanks at Palomar Mountain State Park as required by California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The need was identified by the SWRCB during a sanitary survey conducted in 2020. A 6' high commercial grade galvanized steel security fence will be constructed around the perimeter of the two drinking water holding tanks. The fencing will be a 10' to 12' perimeter around the tanks totaling about 280 linear feet. (Measurements include a buffer to allow some play in the layout for necessary adjustments during construction.) Two 6' gates will be installed on the roadside for access to the tanks. There will be approximately 2' X 2' holes dug every 8' for the steel field posts and 2'X3' holes dug at the four corner posts and two for the gateposts. There may be some light brushing needed to install the fence but will not be outside of what is required for fire defensible space.

**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 §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Construction or installation of park facilities such as... camp host sites" and "...fencing" (Class 3, Section 15303)

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