

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

Project # ABDSP 239

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: Paleontology Sieving Workstation (ABDSP 239)

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Location is set to be at CDD headquarters office and a Ramada with a concrete foundation is planned to be installed on the North side of the Stout Research Center. The area will be leveled and a concrete foundation 135" x 176" x 4" deep will be poured. At each inside corner of the foundation there will be a 2' x2' 2' deep footing of concrete for the Ramada supports. A water line will be tapped in from an existing hose bib located on the North side of the Stout Research Center and ran in a trench 1' wide by 12" deep 40' over to the Ramada and stubbed up next to the foundation on the South side of the Ramada. A hose bib will be added, and a short removable hose will run to a portable rinse basin that will be on the foundation edge. The drain will run out to a French drain just at the edge of the foundation. The French drain will be 3' long 2' wide and 2' deep. Rocks will be installed in the French drain when completed.

The electrical will be 110 volts 20-amp braker with electrical lines in a ³/₄ conduit running from the attached Pump and compressor building on the Northeast side of the Stout Research Center. We will tap into the existing subpanel and run a conduit down the back of the building into a trench 1' wide 18" deep 40' to the South side of the Ramada. It too will be stubbed up next to the Ramada where we will install an GFI outlet. The exact location of both water and electrical will be done during construction.

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 and 4 Section: 15303 and 15304

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 comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303 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:

"New Construction – Construction or installation of park facilities" (Class 3, Section 15303)

"Minor Alterations to Land – Resource management projects" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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