



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Coastal Monitoring Station at Doheny Campground

LOCATION: Doheny State Beach

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The proposed project involves the installation of a coastal monitoring station at Doheny State Beach through a collaboration between the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and California State Parks. The monitoring station is part of the California Coastal Monitoring Network, a multiyear initiative to establish shoreline observation infrastructure at select State Park sites. The primary purpose is to support long-term data collection on sea-level rise, shoreline change, and coastal flooding—data which will be used to improve coastal hazard modeling, inform park management decisions, and support adaptive planning. The station will consist of a fixed monitoring system mounted on a standard 35-foot utility pole. The pole will be installed in the developed campground area near the southern retaining wall, above the high tide line, and within the footprint of existing infrastructure. This location provides a stable foundation, a safe distance from active surf zones, and optimal vantage for shoreline monitoring. The pole will support FLIR Blackfly-S 12-megapixel cameras with 83° wide-angle lenses, configured to capture shoreline imagery and generate time-averaged image products at 30-minute intervals during daylight hours. Images will be stored locally and transmitted to SIO for processing and integration into the Coastal Monitoring Network’s public data dashboard.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Orange Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 6

Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: “Information Collection” as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual (Chapter 0600) allows for the installation of small-scale monitoring equipment to study and understand the natural and physical processes occurring on the public lands we manage.

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