



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Utility Easement for PG&E Service at Pismo State Beach

LOCATION: Pismo State Beach

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project grants a utility easement to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for the installation and operation of underground electric service conduits across Pismo State Beach property. The easement will support permanent utility service to several critical Department facilities, including CDPR employee housing, a wastewater lift station, and recently installed electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

The easement area consists of approximately 1,622 square feet, located entirely within State Park boundaries on previously disturbed ground. As depicted in the legal description and plat map prepared by PG&E (dated April 29, 2025), the alignment connects two service points with one main line extending from a pull box (#5) to a new transformer (T68867) and associated service panels. These facilities are necessary to fully energize and activate infrastructure already constructed under prior project approvals.

Trenching and conduit installation will occur within areas previously developed for infrastructure, access, and utility corridors. All ground disturbance will be minor and temporary. No native vegetation or sensitive habitat areas will be impacted. Excavation is anticipated to remain shallow (typically less than 36 inches in depth), and all soils will be backfilled and compacted upon completion. No grading, demolition, or structural construction is proposed within the easement corridor.

This easement action does not expand the operational footprint of the park or introduce new land uses. It merely formalizes utility service routes to existing facilities necessary for safe, efficient, and sustainable park operations. The housing and EV charger facilities supported by this easement are part of broader departmental efforts to improve recruitment and retention of park staff and advance clean transportation initiatives.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Oceano Dunes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 5 Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project falls within the CE class listed above for minor alterations in land use limitations, specifically the issuance of a utility easement. Proposed activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A

CEQA Project Evaluation Form for the project is on file at the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division office listed above.

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