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

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: Seasonal Housing Septic Lines Replacement

LOCATION: Picacho SRA

COUNTY: Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The current septic system at the seasonal housing area at Picacho SRA has clogged and deteriorated leach line pipes. The purpose of this project is to replace several elements of this system to restore it to good working order. This includes using the unit backhoe to dig up the existing junction box (no to exceed 4' diameter by 4' deep) and replacing it with a new junction box. Additionally, the 4" solid pipe connecting the junction box to the septic tank will be replaced. The backhoe will also be used to dig up the three existing leach lines that originate from the junction box. Each line is 2' wide by 100' long by 6' deep. Leach line pipes will be replaced within each trench, prior to the trenches being backfilled. Any remaining spoils will be scattered around the project area once backfilling is complete. District standard project requirements have been incorporated into the project.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District

EXEMPT STATUS:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 2 *Section:* 15302

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 2, Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, Replacement or reconstruction, as it involves replacement of existing utility systems without changes to capacity; and (2) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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