



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Bolsa Chica State Beach Dune Restoration Project

LOCATION: Bolsa Chica State Beach

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The proposed project consists of installing up to 2,250 linear feet of 4-foot-tall sand fencing and 3,000 linear feet of post-and-cable (“symbolic”) fencing at Bolsa Chica State Beach. Sand fencing will be installed at up to five locations in clusters of three 50-foot segments, oriented perpendicular to prevailing winds to facilitate dune formation. Fencing will consist of wood slats and wire supported by metal T-posts driven approximately 1.5 feet into the sand, with no permanent footings. Project objectives include reducing sand encroachment onto the multi-use path, restoring native habitat, enhancing shoreline resilience during high-tide and storm events, and supporting long-term sea level rise resiliency.

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:

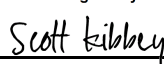
- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption**
Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption (CCR § 15304) because it involves minor alterations to land through the installation of temporary sand fencing and post-and-cable fencing to facilitate dune formation and habitat restoration, with no permanent structures or significant grading. All work is low-impact, reversible, and designed to enhance natural processes and native vegetation, with fencing removed once dunes are established. No potential for significant impacts to the environment are anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.4. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- Class 4, Section 15304: “Minor Alteration of Land”

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