



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Colorado Desert District  
200 Palm Canyon Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

**PROJECT TITLE:** Cuyamaca St Pk Sweetwater EV Charger

**LOCATION:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Installing public electric vehicle chargers per Assembly Bill 1083. Work includes: Trench / excavate to install conduits, 1-75HBS transformer & 3425 pad (59”L x 78”W) with retaining wall (8’L x 18’W area to be excavated), 1-power center & pad (88”L x 36”W), and 5-EV chargers & pad (24”L x 24”W), and 4-bollards to accommodate an underground utility system. And 1-60’ steel pole. New concrete pavement for new ADA stalls. Trench will be 2’ wide x 3’ deep x total area 400 sqft. 340 sqft of the trench in pre-disturbed asphalt, 60 sqft of the trench in soil area. Equipment will be excavators, backhoes, shoring systems and shovels. Typical trench repair standard T-Trench, Standard Street Repair, Slurry back-fill. Temp fence will be placed around the stalls where the EV chargers will be placed. The temp fence will provide safety to keep the public out, within the fenced area we will contain the laydown yard. The parking lot drive aisle will remain accessible and monitored with traffic control plan and pedestrian control plan.

**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: 1

Section: 15301

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. Project includes a small construction added to an existing facility (existing parking lot) and therefore the project is exempt under CEQA §15301 Existing Facilities which involves operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or equipment with negligible expansion of use. Examples: Maintenance of roads, buildings, or utilities; interior/exterior alterations.

**CONTACT:** Rama Ewing  
District Environmental Coordinator  
Colorado Desert District

**PHONE NO.:** (760) 567-7237

**EMAIL:** Rama.Ewing@parks.ca.gov

DocuSigned by:  
*Ray Lennox*

Ray Lennox, District Superintendent  
Colorado Desert District

3/24/2026

DATE