



2019048455

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95816-7100
---	--

Project Title: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area – Mud Pot Artesian Enclosure

Project Location – Specific: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)

Project Location – City: Ocotillo Wells SVRA **Project Location – County:** Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will enclose a naturally occurring mud pot artesian spring and its corresponding resource features from continued OHV encroachment into the target wetland area, while providing habitat restoration, erosion protection, interpretive opportunity, and ecosystem health improvement over time. The enclosure will consist of a peeler-core barrier with two interpretation panels outside of the fence to educate the public on the area and need for protection. The barrier will be approximately 1,500 feet in perimeter. Post holes will be approximately eight feet apart, and should be no larger than three feet across and three feet deep. Excavated fill, placed beside the individual hole, is subject to inspection at the discretion of the District Archaeologist prior to backfilling the holes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ocotillo Wells District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemptions 15303, 15311,

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE classes listed above. 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Brian Robertson

Signature

OHMVR Division Chief

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

(916) 324-4442

4-11-19

Date:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

APR 23 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE