## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation

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**PROJECT TITLE**: Gaviota State Park Vegetation Clearance

LOCATION: Gaviota State Park COUNTY: Santa Barbara

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

To provide safe vehicular access and to comply with Vegetation Management Guidelines established by the CA Department of Parks and Recreation, vegetation must be cleared along Gaviota Beach Road. Clearing activities will comply with the Guidelines for 14' of vertical clearance and the appropriate width requirements. Work will affect the road from Highway 101 to the state park entrance. Additionally, the clearing is required to comply with the State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations for safe road ingress and egress (CCR Title 14, Div. 1.5, Ch. 7-2, Articles 1-5).

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Channel Coast District

## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
Statutory Exemption (Section )
⊠Categorical Exemption

Class: 7, 8 Section: 15307, 15308

## REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

- Class 7, Section 15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources
   Consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to
   assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory
   process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The proposed project is consistent with
   this exemption criteria.
- Class 8, Section 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
  consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the
  maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process
  involves procedures for protection of the environment. The proposed project is consistent with this
  exemption criteria.

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