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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Southern Service Center
2797 Truxtun Road
San Diego, CA 92106

PROJECT TITLE: Geotech Investigations - Silver Strand Lower-Cost Accommodations

LOCATION: Silver Strand State Beach **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will perform geotechnical investigations to aid in the design of a new campground kiosk building and to upgrade the existing restroom as part of the Lower-Cost Coastal Overnight Accommodations Project. The investigation will include three (3) borings by a truck-mounted drill rig equipped with hollow-stem augers to depths of approximately 20 and 90 feet and 8 inches in diameter (approximately 32 cubic feet of fill will be drilled out). All borings shall be backfilled with cement grout per SDCEHD permit requirements and the sites shall be left in as close to their original condition as possible.

Geotechnical resource protection measures shall be implemented as part of the project's implementation. Resource protection and further project details may be obtained by submitting a request to the Environmental Coordinator listed below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Southern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 6 *Section:* 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Soils and structural engineering tests" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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