

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: CEQA Postings
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Kiran Seibel
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92123

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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Issuance of Right of Entry Permit Number CH 2026 07-15

Project Location: Christopher Hill County Preserve

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600

Project Description: The project involves the issuance of Right of Entry Permit Number CH 2026 07-15 for the purpose of conducting coastal cactus wren monitoring and habitat condition assessments by members of the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, as part of an effort understand coastal cactus wren habitat connectivity in the region.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: July 13, 2026

County Contact Person: Linnea Wier

Telephone: 619-803-6626

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above described project on July 8, 2026 and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"):

- ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15306 Information Collection
- ☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- ☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves information collection work by means of monitoring and surveying for cactus wren, cactus wren nests and nest activity, and cactus wren habitat condition. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: **Kiran Seibel** Digitally signed by Kiran Seibel
Date: 2026.07.13 16:49:56 -07'00' Telephone: **619-209-9922**

Name (Print): **Kiran Seibel** Title: **Group Program Manager**

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.