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
Angeles District
1925 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302-1909

PROJECT TITLE: Dockweiler Least Tern Fence Project

LOCATION: Dockweiler State Beach **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Dockweiler SB is host to a federally endangered California least tern colony. In the mid 1980's, a portion of the beach northwest of Ballona Creek was enclosed to prevent human activity and ground based predators from disturbing the colony. In 2006 the enclosed area was expanded to its current footprint and a new fence was installed. The fencing material is in an advanced state of deterioration. Gaps in the mesh and collapse of arm wires has allowed humans and predators to easily access the colony, and related disturbance is associate with colony abandonment in 2022. Grant funding for Angeles District to replace the existing fence was obtained in 2023. A contractor will replace ~2,500 linear feet of chain link fencing protecting the ~7.5 acre California least tern colony, using heavy equipment and augering new post holes to a depth of ~4'.

Further information regarding the project, as well as measures to be implemented to avoid impacts, may be obtained by contacting the project Environmental Scientist listed below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption: *Class: 4 Sections: 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, including conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under the exemptions listed above. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities in accordance with CEQA §15300.4 as outlined in the Department Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- Class 4 – Resource Management Projects
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