



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Pismo State Beach Golf Course Pollinator Plants

LOCATION: Pismo State Beach

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The Pismo State Beach Golf Course within Pismo State Beach (PSB) is operated by a concessionaire agreement through the Oceano Dunes District (ODD). ODD in partnership with the golf course manager proposes to restore and enhance approximately 1/4-acre patch of non-native iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*) and Kikuyu grass (*Cenchrus clandestinus*) into native nectar habitat for pollinator species. Planting native nectar-rich flowering plants will help provide critical food resources for declining pollinator species such as the monarch butterfly which overwinters at the nearby PSB Monarch Grove. Because golf courses occupy expansive, contiguous parcels of open land, converting out-of-play roughs into native habitats can offer significant environmental value to pollinator species. Additionally, out-of-play areas converted to native plants will require less mowing and irrigation compared to the adjacent managed fairways and greens. The Project includes the following restoration activities:

- Removal of invasive plant species with manual, mechanical, and targeted herbicide application methods.
- Collection of seeds from locally native dune-specialized species, including, but not limited to dune ragwort (*Senecio blochmaniae*), California aster (*Corethrogyne filaginifolia*), Scarlet bugler (*Penstemon syntragitholias*), Cardinal catchfly (*Silene laciniata*), and pink sand-verbena (*Abronia umbellata*).
- Installation of interpretive signage and fencing around the project area. This “demonstration garden” will not only be visited by golf course players but the general public will be allowed to visit as well.

Anticipated project implementation: The native plants will be grown in the fall of 2026 and planted at the golf course in the spring of 2027.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Oceano Dunes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Public Resources Code section 21080.56: Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)
☒ Categorical Exemption
 Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project activities do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Class 4, Section 15304,

Minor Alterations to Land, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. There are no exceptions to the exemptions that apply.

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