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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Replace Coastal Access Stairway

LOCATION: San Elijo State Beach **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:
Beach access via stairway #6 has reached a condition that poses a public safety risk due to its age and deferred maintenance. The disrepair includes splintering handrails and worn and broken treads. In addition, the footings are in a state of advanced disrepair from years of use and exposure to a coastal environment. The existing stairway will be demolished and replaced near the existing staircase. The project also includes improvements to the nearby existing restroom facility including modifications to meet current accessibility guidelines. Additional work would include, but is not limited to, parking modifications and paths of travel to meet accessibility guidelines.

Project requirements incorporated to avoid and/or minimize environmental impact as well as further project information may be obtained by contacting the environmental coordinator at the contact information 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: 1 Section(s): 15301 – Existing Facilities*
Class: 2 Section(s): 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction

REASONS WHY THE 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 CDPR Project Evaluation Form, including conditions provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 and §15302 as:

- Existing Facilities, “Repair of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use” (Class 1, §15301)
- Replacement or Reconstruction, “Replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity” (Class 2, §15302)

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