NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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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

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Wilderness Gardens Well Improvements

Project Location: Wilderness Gardens County Preserve 14209 Hwy 76, Pala, CA 92059

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: Replace the existing 5000-gallon water tank and water distribution system with a new concrete pad, 2 water tanks (2000 gallon and 5000 gallon), chlorination system, electrical controls and security fencing.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego Date Form Completed: October 6, 2026

County Contact Person: Lorrie Bradley Telephone: (619) 455-7721

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Department of General Services has approved the above-described project on **October 6, 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"): (check only one)

☐ 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): 15301, 15303, 15304
☐ 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 from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Section 15301 is applicable because the project is the replacement of the existing water tanks and distribution and chlorination systems, with no or negligible expansion of use. Section 15303 is applicable because the project includes construction of concrete pads to place the new water tanks on as well as installation of security fencing around the tanks. Section 15304 is applicable because minor ground disturbance is required to construct the concrete pad and trenching for electrical and distribution lines. Trenches will be backfilled and the surface restored.

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: 2026.10.07 09:12:31 -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.