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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 Ninth Street
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Agave Vandalism Removal (20/21-SD-17)

LOCATION: Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will conduct the removal of several large *Agave americanas* from the space between Toler's Leather Shop, and Miner's Gems & Minerals, near the mineral panning area (see attached map). The agaves have been heavily vandalized by the park visitors and the vandalism is now starting to spread to the surrounding structures. Removing the agaves will require first cutting off all of the "pencas" (leaves, or blades) and then digging out the "piñas" (stem), digging approximately 6-10 inches into the ground. The work will be executed by district maintenance staff members. We will use the lift gate on a truck to safely move all of the removed agave parts to our green waste bin for disposal. The remaining hole and area will be backfilled and repaired with stabilized DG, which we already have staged in the Seeley Yard. At the moment we have no plans to replant that area.

Measures to be implemented to avoid impact may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Diego Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 Statutory Exemption (Section)
 Categorical Exemption
Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY 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 §15304–Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as.

- "Resource management projects" (Class 4, Section 15304).

The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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