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District Project # 20/21-SD-21
ER # 13364

**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:** Habitat Restoration and Invasive Species Removal above Flintkote Ave (20/21-SD-21)
**LOCATION:** Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve
**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT**: This project will restore approximately one acre of coastal sage scrub habitat at Torrey Pines SNR. The project site is located above Flintkote Avenue, 4.5 miles from the Los Peñasquitos lagoon inlet to the Pacific Ocean. The goal of this project is to expand the extent of coastal sage scrub (CSS), a declining vegetation type, thereby providing additional habitat and connectivity for species that depend on CSS. Ground disturbance is anticipated for planting, temporary transect markers and fencing, and erosion control. Depth of soil disturbance for container plants is anticipated to be a maximum of 12-18" depth, and 18-24" in depth for transect markers/fence posts.

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 §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, 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 Class 4: Section 15304: "Resource management projects."

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