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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
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Removal of Non-native Century Plants at Guy Fleming Trailhead
LOCATION: Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve
COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will map and remove non-native century plants (*Agave americana*) located at the Guy Fleming Trail trailhead in the Ellen Browning Scripps Natural Preserve at Torrey Pines SNR. The purpose of the project is to prevent further spread of this non-native invasive species within coastal sage scrub, thereby maintaining the quality of nesting and foraging habitat for coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliioptila californica californica*). Approximately ten mature century plants located near the trailhead signs will be photographed and cut down to the base. The above ground portions of the century plants will be removed from the site without disturbing the soil. Each century plant stump will be treated with a systemic herbicide.

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 CDPRE 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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