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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  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** San Pasqual Valley Cemetery Pepper Tree Removal  
**LOCATION:** San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park  
**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project will improve the San Pasqual Valley Cemetery and protect the site from potential damage from a dead Peruvian pepper tree (*Schinus molle*). The tree will be cut and removed with caution so that no significant damage occurs to above or below ground cemetery features. If feasible, the dead trunk of the pepper tree would be used to create a wood carving that will memorialize ancestors of the San Pasqual Band of Indians. If the trunk is unsuitable for carving, it will be cut above grade and removed from the site so that there is minimal disturbance to the ground. Local native plants species may be planted or seeded depending on the sensitivity of the ground to improve the landscaping of the cemetery.

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 C DPR 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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