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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:** Arundo Removal and Fuel Reduction at Border Field SP  
**LOCATION:** Border Field State Park  
**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project will remove approximately 2.4 net acres of arundo/giant reed (*Arundo donax*) over a multi-year period to reduce fuel loading and continuity, and to improve Least Bell’s Vireo habitat structure at Border Field State Park. Arundo canes will be cut to ground level. Canes will be cut/bundled and disposed of in 40-yard roll-off dumpsters. After the initial cutting, resources staff or a contractor, will use a foliar application of herbicide to treat Arundo resprouts when they have reached a height of 3-4 feet. To eliminate re-sprouts, follow-up treatments will be required. Subsequently, all arundo canes will again be cut/bundled and disposed of. Follow-up treatments will continue as needed for several years.

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

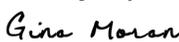
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the C DPR Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304–Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as

Class 4: Section 15304:

- “Resource management projects”

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