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District Project # 22/23-SD-01  
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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:** Beacon’s Cliff Monitoring

**LOCATION:** Leucadia State Beach

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project will install sensors into the bluff above Beacon’s State Beach to monitor site conditions and deformation with the ultimate goal of determining the feasibility of an early warning system to forecast dangerous landslides and rockfalls that will occur at the site. The project will be a three-year research project whose goals are to detect deformations in the cliff formation that are associated with varying patterns of rain, soil moisture, vibration, wave activity, and tidal cycles. The monitoring will provide an understanding of linkages, if any, among these observables and movements of the cliff face and support the development of a plan that could lead to the forecast of slope failures based on real-time data from these sensors.

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: 6                                      Section: 15306

**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 CDRP Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under CEQA §15306–Information Collection: The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as

Class 6, Section 15306 “Information Collection”.

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