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State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Boundary Vegetation Modification
LOCATION: Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve (TPSNR)
COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this Wildfire and Forest Resilience Project is to create and manage a defensible space zone in the wildland urban interface at TPSNR. This applies to existing habitable structures that share a property boundary with the TPSNR and whose Zone 2 for defensible space (Zone 2) is located partially or entirely within State Parks-owned property. Zone 2 is a reduced fuel zone in which horizontal and vertical space is created between plants by removing invasive weeds, dead wood, and dead or dying plants, and by thinning native vegetation by approximately 50% when compared to the natural wildland setting adjacent to it. Vegetation modification will occur up to approximately 65 feet from the shared State boundary at TPSNR. State Parks will carry out thinning at no cost to homeowners through approximately 2026 as funding allows. No work will be done on private property. Zone 2 will be maintained on a seasonal basis by pruning and thinning plants, removing invasive species, and controlling weeds.

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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