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District Project # 22/23-SD-10
ER # 13799

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Preserving Public Access
LOCATION: Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve
COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The North Beach Day Use Parking Lot (North Lot) at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve and State Beach (Reserve) has been identified as being vulnerable to projected rates of sea level rise, which will increase the frequency and severity of coastal flooding in this area. The project proposes reclaiming a portion of the parking lot area for a nature-based shoreline protection system, restoring approximately 1-acre of native habitat, improving water quality by replacing pavement with permeable pavers and bioswales, improving the inlet hydrology, reinforcing parking lot access by replacing a failed culvert and improving tidal flows below McGonigle Drive, adding an interpretive trail, improving lifeguard facility, updating underground utilities to comfort station and extending to lifeguard facility.

This is a project that has been identified within the Los Penasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan (2021) (SCH: 2017121036) and it consistent with its objectives. The plan's implementation will be critical to improving the health of the lagoon and absorbing the effects of sea level rise.

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 CDPR 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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