Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

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Project Title: Kumeyaay Valley County Park Invasive Removal and Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SDO-32453-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The project is located within the bed, channel, and bank of the San Diego River as it runs through Kumeyaay Valley County Park, east of Ashwood Street and south of Willow Road, in the unincorporated community of Lakeside, in the County of San Diego, State of California; Latitude 32.871666, Longitude -116.911680; Assessor's Parcel Number 392-050-49-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SDO-32453-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the San Diego County – Department of Parks and Recreation. The project consists of removing tamarisk and other invasive vegetation by cutting the vegetation at ground level and applying herbicide to the fresh-cut stump. This Agreement does not authorize ground-disturbing activities.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: SAN DIEGO COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Statutory Exemption. [State code number]	
□ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304;	Minor
Alterations to Land	

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is a minor public alteration in the condition of vegetation – the removal of non-native plant species for the purpose of improving the habitat for native species. The project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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Heather A. Pert, signing for Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager		
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