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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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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Mole Hole Infill Removal
LOCATION: Cardiff State Beach
COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: In 2002 a section of failing coastal bluff approximately 8 feet wide x 8 feet high x 2-3 feet thick, known as the Mole Hole, was filled with concrete by a private property owner. It worked well until 2015 when additional erosion from El Nino storms started to undermine the infill. As a result, the California Coastal Commission has requested the removal of the infill. The property owner is requesting beach access on California State Park property in order to remove the infill. The contractor would enter the site through Fletcher Cove. The contractor proposes to drill approximately 1-inch holes into the infill to promote cracking into small more manageable pieces. A backhoe and gripping bucket would be used to grip and gently move the smaller pieces up and down until they detached from the bluff. The contractor would leave the site through Fletcher Cove and dispose of the infill at an approved land disposal facility.

Measures to avoid impact and further project detail 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 CDPD Project Evaluation Form, including conditions provided by CDPD reviewers, 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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