



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:** Huntington State Beach CA least tern habitat enhancement

**LOCATION:** Huntington State Beach

**COUNTY:** Orange

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project aims to enhance habitat quality of the Least Tern Natural Preserve at Huntington State Beach, an important breeding site for this endangered species. Work includes enhancement of existing vegetation through the addition of 4-5 additional native species and removal of non-native vegetation; fence improvements to deter predator perching; and the addition of sand to create dunes within the preserve to increase the resilience of the site to future sea level rise threats. Project work will occur outside of sensitive shorebird breeding season (March through August).

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements 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:** Orange 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 Section 15304. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by DPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:  
-Class 4, Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land

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