

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
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Attn: CEQA Postings
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Kiran Seibel
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92123

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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Issuance of Right of Entry Permit Number VMWP 2024 12-15

Project Location: Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve - 1209 Farmer Road at Wynola Road, Julian, CA 92036

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600

Project Description: This project involves the issuance of Right of Entry Permit number VMWP 2024 12-15 to Robert Patton a Volunteer with the National Audubon Society to conduct the annual Christmas Bird Count, a community science effort for which thousands of volunteers collect bird counts within preidentified count circles over a two-day period.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: 12-4-2024

County Contact Person: Josediego Uribe-Horta

Telephone: (619) 890-7106

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above-described project on **Date** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15306 Information Collection
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines as the project involves the issuance of Right of Entry Permit number VMWP 2024 12-15 to Robert Patton a Volunteer with the National Audubon Society to conduct the annual Christmas Bird Count, a community science effort for which thousands of volunteers collect bird counts within preidentified count circles over a two-day period. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Crystal Benham Digitally signed by Crystal Benham
Date: 2024.12.04 15:49:09 -08'00' Telephone: 619-539-4155

Name (Print): Crystal Benham Title: Chief, Resource Management Division

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.