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

Project # ABDSP 199

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: SDG&E C221 Long Span Reconductor (ABDSP 199)

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) in consultation with a trusted Native American elder and the district archaeologist have identified a problematic electric line and power pole segment on an existing easement in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The project would abandon a portion of that easement and establish a new easement. Two old existing wooden poles are in an advanced state of deterioration and are in a recorded archaeological site containing historic and prehistoric artifacts. There is concern the poles may break or fall over exposing and damaging more resources and potentially starting a wildfire. Realigning the pole line and replacing the two old existing poles in two other existing pole locations with new steel poles will resolve the problems and protect natural resources from wildfire risks and cultural resources from exposure and damage. The two old existing poles will be cut near ground level and covered with native soil so as not to disturb buried cultural resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 1 and 3 *Section:* 15301 and 1505

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities and CEQA §15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" (Class 1, Section 15301) and
- "Issuance of easements and permits" (Class 5, Section 15305)

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