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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Inland Empire District
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PROJECT TITLE: Monitoring Well, San Timoteo Canyon (13/14-IE-09)
LOCATION: San Timoteo Canyon **COUNTY: Riverside**
DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
Issuance of a Right of Entry permit and lease or other long-term encumbrance instrument to the Yucaipa Valley Water District for installation of a shallow groundwater observation well, identified as OW-1, to monitor groundwater levels as part of a Habitat Monitoring Program for San Timoteo Creek. The site will be accessed monthly for data collection. The observation well is expected to be in place for 20 years. The observation well's footprint will be a 4-foot by 4-foot square concrete surface seal with a three foot high steel casing in the center. The depth of the well will be 20-25 feet below ground surface (bgs) dictated by the depth of the water table. It will be placed underground using a limited access track mounted drill rig using hollow stem augers. The site will be accessible from the upland areas adjacent to the creek. The temporary disturbance area is expected to be 45 square feet. Construction is expected to last one day and is expected to be installed before March 2014. 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: Inland Empire
EXEMPT STATUS:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 4, 5, 6 *Section(s):* 15304, 15305, 15306
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEOA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land, §15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations and §15306 - Information Collection. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEOA §15300.4 as:

- "Minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation" (Class 4, Section 15304);
- "Issuance of easements and permits and rights-of-way" (Class 5, Section 15305); and
- "Baseline monitoring" (Class 6, Section 15306)

The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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