



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Vertebrate Pitfall Trapping (11/12-SD-51)
LOCATION: Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve - 630 **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
This project is a population survey and tissue sampling for animals at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve by USGS Western Ecological Research Center to study how species respond to habitat fragmentation.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Diego Coast

- EXEMPT STATUS:**
- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 - Statutory Exemption
 - Categorical Exemption** Section: 15306 - Information Collection.

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 conditions provided by specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15306 - Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as "Resource studies, inventories."

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