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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Venoco Seismic Survey

LOCATION: McGrath and Mandalay State Beach **COUNTY:** Ventura

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project is to conduct an approximately 8 square mile 3D seismic survey over lands situated in the western region of the Ventura County, CA, including McGrath and Mandalay State Beaches. Venoco owns and is the acting lessee/operator of an Oil and Gas Lease underlying all of the State's lands. Venoco will access State Parks property utilizing existing road and trails or at points of access designated by the State Representative. An estimated 75 wireless receiver nodes will be buried throughout McGrath and Mandalay SB. Exact placement of receiver nodes will be dependent on current field conditions. Following placement of receiver nodes, 4 Vibroseis trucks will perform ground vibrations from existing roads and trails. A Right of Entry Permit will be issued for this project. DPR standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project and can be obtained by contacting the environmental coordinator.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Channel Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 5, 6 *Section:* 15305, 15306

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 §15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations and CEQA §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA § 15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- "Issuance of easements and permits" (Class 5, Section 15305)
- "Soils and structural engineering tests" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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