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

Project # CRSP 126

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Green Valley Combo 2 Septic Leach Field (CRSP 126)

LOCATION: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project consists of replacing the deteriorated septic leach field, tight line, and distribution box to the combo building located in the Green Valley Campground near camp site 53, at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The proposed project area will be located in the existing foot print of the current septic system. The trench for the tight line (going from the septic tank to the distribution box) will be 12" wide and 18" deep and will be located in the same area as the existing septic line. The tight line trench will be dug with a walk behind trencher and will be had dug in tree drip line areas to avoid damaging tree roots. The leach field trenches (located in campsites 23 and 25) in the proposed project area will be 24" to 36" wide and 18" to 36" deep. The number of trenches will depend on percolation test results. The leach field trenches will be located in the existing leach field. Excavation of the leach field will be done using a backhoe and refilled with native dirt from the project area.

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, 2, and 4 *Section:* 15301, 15302, and 15304

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, §15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction, and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. 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);
- "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity" (Class 2, Section 15302);
- "Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored" (Class 4, Section 15304)
- "Minor public alternations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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