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

Project # SSSRA 145

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Mecca Beach New Water Line (SSSRA 145)

LOCATION: Salton Sea State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Riverside and Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purposed project consists of installing a new 4" waterline and water meter at Mecca Beach located at the Salton Sea State Recreation Area. The installation involves excavating an 18" wide by up to 36" deep trench and installing a new water line. Asphalt in the paved areas of the proposed excavation site will be removed and replaced with new asphalt.

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: 3, 4 *Section:* 15303, 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 §15303 – New Construction and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Water and other utility extensions" (Class 3, Section 15303); and
- "Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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

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