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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation, SSC
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PROJECT TITLE: High Point Trail Improvements (Project No. 017170)
LOCATION: Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve (630) **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The proposed project seeks to improve the High Point Trail at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. The purpose of the project is to improve the function and aesthetics of the trail by providing a level, unobstructed staging area, reliable handrails, crosswalk, vegetative screening of utility boxes, and re-vegetation of a denuded slope with indigenous plant material. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. The project is needed to:

- Provide safer access to and along the trail
- Screen utility boxes that are unsightly and take away from the visitor experience
- Restore native vegetation that has been trampled due to a lack of trail delineation and/or fencing
- Add a designated space off the Park road for docents to stage groups before heading onto High Point Trail

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Diego Coast District
EXEMPT STATUS:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 1, 4, 11 *Section:* 15301, 15304, 15311

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 CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities, §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land and §15311 – Accessory Structures. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Trail or road repairs" and "Landscape plant replacement" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Trail construction or realignment", "Resource management projects". and "Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing... facilities" (Class 11, Section 15311)

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