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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Demolition of Storage Shed

LOCATION: El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to demolish the small storage shed behind the Cañedo adobe to facilitate continued archaeological investigation of the second defense wall. The frame walls on the east and south sides of the building will be completely demolished. The concrete block walls on the north and west sides of the building will be demolished to a height slightly above the grade of the adjacent parking lots on the neighboring properties. The lower portions of concrete block walls on the north and south side will be left in-situ to act as a retaining wall to exterior grade. The concrete slab on the interior of the shed will be removed to expose the underlying ground surface and extend recent excavation of the second defense wall foundation through the footprint of the building. The north and west sides of the former shed location will be secured by installing a willow stick fence to match similar barriers in the park. 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: 6, 31 *Section:* 15306, 15331

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 and CEQA §15331 – Historical Resource Restoration / Rehabilitation. 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:

- "Archaeological investigations by permitted individuals" (Class 6, Section 15306)
- "Activities affecting historic resources, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" (Class 31, Section 15331)

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