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

Project # Sweetwater Turnout

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Sweetwater Turnout Transfer of Jurisdiction

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks is obtaining jurisdiction over a small area of land that was once part of Caltrans right of way through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park adjacent to and southeast of Highway 79 Sweetwater Bridge. The land will be managed for cultural and natural resource protection and for the outdoor recreational use and enjoyment by the public visiting Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

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: 16, 25 *Section:* 15316, 15325

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, then it is exempt under CEQA §15316 – Transfer of Ownership of Land and §15325 – Transfer of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- The acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land including "Acquisitions of inholdings" and "Acquisitions of contiguous properties" (Class 16, Section 15316); and
- "Transfers of interests in lands in order to preserve and protect habitat, natural resources, cultural resources, and open space for park purposes " (Class 25, Section 15325)

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