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

Project # ABDSP 124

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Earthquake Early Warning Stations in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP 124)

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The United States Geological Survey (USGS), on behalf of the Southern California Seismic Network (SCSN), will build three Earthquake Early Warning Stations in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Each of the three Earthquake Early Warning Stations consists of two small structures: Structure 1 will house the solar array, backup power, satellite tracking receiver/antenna and a radio for real-time data transfer. Structure 2 will house the datalogger and two earthquake sensors. These two structures will be connected by an underground 1½" PVC conduit. The three sites are (north to south):
ROCKHOUSE CANYON ROAD (CI.RCR) 33.36237 / -116.30960 Ts 9S, Rge 6E, Sec25 SENW40
RANCHO VALLECITO (CI.VLO). 32.97182 / -116.41064 Ts 14S, Rge 6E, Sec 7, L2 40.56
AGUA CALIENTE STORE (CI.ACP) 32.95457 / -116.30336 Ts 14S, Rge 17E, Sec 18

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: 4 and 6 *Section:* 15304 and 15306

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 §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land and §15306 Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored" (Class 4, Section 15304)
- "Data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes only including seismic studies." (Class 6, Section 15306).

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