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

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Experimental Gold Spotted Oak Borer Removal to Promote Re-sprouts (CRSP 153)

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This is a resource management project which looks to find a solution to the damage caused to oak trees in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (CRSP) by Gold Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB) infestations. Several oak species infested with GSOB would be cut back appropriately to promote re-sprouts which will not be susceptible to GSOB until reaching a 15" diameter trunk size at breast height (DBH). Processing of felled trees includes removing the bark from all stems and limbs greater than 8-10" in diameter and burning the biomass. Approximately 50 trees will be selected for felling. Each selected tree will have a DBH of at least 15". All trees would be flush cut with the ground and then covered with 2-3 inches of soil.

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 *Section:* 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 §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- Resource management projects

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