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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: El Presidio Wayfinding Signs

LOCATION: El Presidio State Historic Park

COUNTY: Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: DPR standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project and can be obtained by contacting the environmental coordinator.

This project is the design and installation of 46 wayfinding and interpretation signs. Over the years the City of Santa Barbara has imposed its grid of streets through the Presidio compound making it difficult for visitors to find buildings and features and to understand the original layout. The perimeter walls and central parade grounds are currently in 4 separate city blocks. These signs will solve that problem while the sizes, colors, and designs are sensitive to the historic setting and are minimally intrusive. The signs are compliant with State accessibility and branding standards.

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: 3, 11 Section: 15303, 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 specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303,15311 – Exemptions.

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:

- Class 3, Section 15303: consists of construction or installation of small structures, including, but not limited to, kiosks, restrooms, small parking lots, interpretive panels, fencing, and signs.
- Class 11, Section 15311: consists of construction or placement of minor appurtenances accessory to an existing park.

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