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

Project # ABDSP 191

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Sentenac Cienega Restoration Planning Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP 191)

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The Project will develop a wetland restoration strategy for the Sentenac Cienega in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The strategy will manage headwaters for multiple benefits beyond biodiversity conservation by engaging key community partners programing recreation, economic development, and scientific inquiry. These baseline studies will inform the Ecosystem Restoration Strategy, identify target species for restoration, tailor strategies to minimize invasive species impacts, and engage regional stakeholders in planning.

**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:

- "Resource management projects" (Class 4, Section 15304)
- "Resource studies, inventories" (Class 6, Section 15306).

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