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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Site Management Plan For Pismo State Beach

Project Location - Specific: Pismo State Beach

Project Location - City: Pismo Beach

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: In order to help ensure that Pismo State Beach continues to provide high quality habitat for monarch butterflies, the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, in coordination with staff from California Department of Parks and Recreation, has prepared a 5-year site management plan to better plan and implement management actions which support overwintering monarchs in both the short and long-term duration. The site management plan includes the goals of the plan, site history and description, plan development, tree management, nectar management, outreach and education, management recommendations, monitoring, next steps and plan implementation. In addition to the site management plan, up to 1000 linear feet of shallow trenching may be required to extend the water connections under foot paths in the grove so that the newly planted trees can be properly irrigated. An archeological monitor will be present during any ground disturbing work associated with the management plan and further irrigation work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Oceano Dunes District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemptions 15304 - Minor alterations in the condition of the land, 15333 - Small habitat restoration

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE classes listed above. Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment.

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