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

Project # ABDSP 221

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation 1416 Ninth Street P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Coyote Canyon Discovery Way Station (ABDSP 221)

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project will consist of a 25'x10' Ramada with three interpretation panels underneath. There will be four footings for the Ramada. Each footing will be 2'x2'x3' deep and filled with concrete. The foundation underneath the Ramada will be raised about 10" by adding 5" of dirt in kind and then 5" compacted road base. The ADA parking will be located in the parking area next to the Ramada and will be raised to the level of the Ramada by using the same process as the Ramada for ADA access. The rest of the parking lot will be leveled and then it will have a layer of 5" road base laid on top of the dirt and then compacted. The total area of the project is 5985 square feet. Excavation for the interpretation panel signposts and the ADA parking signpost will be approximately 1'x1'x2' deep secured with concrete.

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: 3 and 11

1 Section: 15303 and 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 comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – Shade Ramada and Interpretive signing or panels, and §15311 Accessory Structures – Installation of signs. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

• "New Construction - Shade Ramada and Interpretive signing or panels" (Class 3, Section 15303)

"Accessory Structures – Installation of signs" (Class 11, Section 15311)

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