NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Trial Western Snowy Plover Refuge Area (20/21-OCD-7)

LOCATION: Huntington State Beach COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project would install symbolic fencing in an area heavily used by Western snowy plovers for both overwintering roosts and nesting at Huntington State Beach. This fencing will reduce disturbance to plovers by directing people and park operations around known roost sites rather than through. Signage will be placed along the post and cable fencing and the area will be monitored for plover activity.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Orange Coast 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: The proposed activity is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. 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 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 §15304 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

• Class 4, Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land: Resource Management Projects

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