NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: DWR Technical Surveys SSSRA Right of Entry Permit

LOCATION: Salton Sea SRA

COUNTY: Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: A Right of Entry permit will be issued to the California Department of Water Resources to perform pedestrian technical surveys, which will inform the development of the proposed North Lake Project. The proposed plan for the North Lake Project is to develop a large aquatic habitat at the northern shore of the Salton Sea as a part of the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) Phase I 10-Year Plan. The California Department of Water Resources is proposing to conduct various surveys/studies to assist with determining the feasibility of implementing the proposed project components. Those surveys/studies include field surveys, engineering, utilities, biological, archaeological, cultural studies, and other incidental purposes as needed. Most of these activities are pedestrian in nature, and are completed by observation, walking around, photographing, and cataloguing various components.

Measures to be implemented to avoid impact may be obtained by submitting a request to the Environmental Coordinator listed below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District

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☐ Declared Emergend	cy (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project	(Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption	n (Section)
□ Categorical Exemptor □ Categorica	tion
Class: 6	Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: (1) categorically exempt under Class 6, Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines, Information Collection, as it involves basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in significant disturbance to an environmental resource; and (2) there are no unusual circumstances or other applicable exceptions to the exemptions.

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