

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3883 Ruffin Road  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Project Title:** Fuel Reduction Foster Truck Trail

**Project Applicant:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

**Project Location - Specific:** The project site is located at the Foster Truck Trail Road within San Vicente Highlands Reserve CDFW land.

**Project Location (City):** Lakeside

**Project Location (County):** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of this project is to reduce fire hazard/fuel load along the Foster Truck Trail Road (FTTR) and to reduce the fire hazard/fuel load in a specific area of the Reserve by removing non-native eucalyptus trees. This Reserve is on CalFire's Fire Resource Assessment Program (FARP) maps as a "Very High Fire" Hazard Severity Zone. CalFire has brushed the roads in the past, but the roadway needs to be re-brushed. The eucalyptus grove is a large fuel source that is choking out native sage scrub. Removal of the grove will highly benefit the native habitat and wildlife in the area and reduce the fire hazard/fuel load.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** CDFW

**Name of the Person/Agency Carrying Out the Project:** CDFW & California Conservation Corps (CCC)

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4; Section 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project will consist of minor brush clearing of common brush species located in and along the roadside. The project will also consist of the removal of a small grove of non-native eucalyptus trees, but will avoid impacts to the understory vegetation.

Lead Agency

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Date: 01/21/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed by Lead Agency

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