

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Imperial

940 W. Main Street

El Centro, CA 92243

From: (Public Agency): County of Imperial
Agricultural Commissioner's Office
852 Broadway, El Centro, CA 92243

(Address)

Project Title: Invasive Noxious Weed Control Support for California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA)

Project Applicant: County of Imperial, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Margo Sanchez

Project Location - Specific:

Accessible land of Imperial County

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Imperial County lands

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Survey, mapping, identification, and either removal by hand, hand tools, or coordinated removal with landowners/agencies (such as Caltrans, Imperial Irrigation District, etc.), for the control of noxious, invasive weed species in Imperial County. Noxious, invasive weeds threaten agricultural production and marketability, native plant species, and impair land use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Imperial

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

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: 15301(h);15304;15306;15307;15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

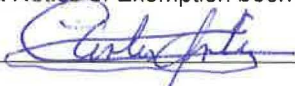
This project is exempt under 15301(h) because identifying and removing noxious weeds will help maintain existing native landscapes and growth. Under 15304, the project will consist of only minor alteration of land vegetation and condition via hand and hand tool removal of removal of noxious weeds. Under 15306, the project will collect data for GPS location, mapping, and identification of noxious weed species. Under 15307 & 15308 the project will take action to help protect the native environment from overgrowth of noxious weed species via hand tool removal or land owner notification.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Carlos Ortiz Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 442-265-1500

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 4/22/2020 Title: Agricultural Commissioner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____