

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Matt Dulcich, Director
Campus Planning and Environmental Stewardship
1 Shields Avenue, University of California, CA 95616

(Address)

Project Title: South Coast REC Tree Removal along Irvine Boulevard

Project Applicant: University of California

Project Location - Specific:

ANR South Coast Research & Extension Center

Project Location - City: Irvine Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

UC-South Coast Research and Extension Center proposes the removal of 956 Australian Casuarinas trees along Irvine Boulevard from Modjeska along the REC citrus and avocado orchards up to the REC headquarters. The area will be cleared of stumps and debris and left as undeveloped and incorporated into the existing operation

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California

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: 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project qualifies as categorically exempt under Exemption Class 4 of the Guidelines for the Implementation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This exemption applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation including trees for agricultural purposes. In addition, none of the exceptions for application of a categorical exemption apply to this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Matt Dulcich Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-752-9597

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: Matthew Dulcich Date: July 7, 2020 Title: Director, Enviro Planning

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: _____