

To: County Clerk  
County of: Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency)  
Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space  
District  
4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Project Title: Box Springs Reserve Fuels Reduction & Clearing

Project Applicant: Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District

Project Location-Specific: Box Springs Reserve 10606 Box Springs Mountain Road

Project Location-City: Riverside/Moreno Valley      Project Location-County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) will be working on clearing out areas of trails at Box Springs Mountain reserve to remove invasive plant species and reduce available fuel of wildfires during fire season. Additional work will include erosion control measures and the planting of native vegetation. This will benefit users of the trail systems and the community by increasing trail function, improving habitat for wildlife, and reducing the potential impacts of seasonal wildfires.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Conservation Corps

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project 9Sec. 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: The California Conservation Corps will perform fuel management work and non-native species removal with the clearing and removal of brush along active trails in the Box Springs Reserve. Additional work will include erosion control in the trail footprint and planting native vegetation. Exemption 15304 is for "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes." (14 CCR, § 15304.) A non-exclusive list of examples includes certain grading activities, filling activities, alterations that improve habitat for fish or wildlife, and fuel management to reduce fire risks.

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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: 10/22/2020    Title: Senior Park Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant