

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: **Puente Hills Preserve Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention**

Project Location - Specific: Lat N 34.0'23", Long W 117.59'41"

Project Location - City: **Unincorporated Los Angeles County, Whittier, La Habra Heights**
Project Location - County: **Los Angeles**

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: **The Puente Hills Preserve and surrounding areas are located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and communities at risk as designated by the state. Fuel reduction activities to minimize wildfire risk will occur in the urban wildland interface, adjacent properties, and along access routes and trails. Work includes hand clearing, disking, goat grazing, hazardous/dead/invasive tree removal, and invasive/non-native vegetation removal. If threatened or endangered species are found within these areas, appropriate protocols would be followed per technical guidance provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. If tree removal and invasive/non-native vegetation removal activities coincide with avian nesting season, appropriate avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented. The work occurs annually when funding is available.**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority.**

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority.**

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 (CEQA Guideline 15304)**

Reasons why Project is Exempt: **The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority has reviewed the project, along with its environmental setting, and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA) requirements -Categorical Exemption of the State CEQA Guidelines: Section 15304 - Minor Alterations to land.**

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