

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Forestry Division, 5823 Rickenbacker Road, Room 123
Commerce, CA 900040

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

(Address)

Project Title: Annual "Live Fire" Safety Preparedness Training

Project Applicant: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Project Location - Specific:

Newhall USGS 7.5 Quad, T5N R16W. Wayside Honor Rancho/Pitchess Detention Center

Project Location - City: Castaic Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Annual "Live Fire" Safety Training exercise prepares County of Los Angeles Fire Department personnel in all aspects of safe and effective use of fire suppression tactics in preparation of the upcoming fire season. The total project area is 93 acres of County owned land adjacent to the Wayside Honor Rancho/Pitchess Detention Center. Training exercises consist of live firing of small patches of land (10 acres and less) in increments of 30 minutes. Type 1 Hand Crews will construct hand lines using hand tools to remove surface vegetation. Engine Crews will conduct progressive hose lays which will not involve cutting of vegetation. Fire apparatus will be operated from pre-established roads/motorways and previously graded surfaces to pump water for the progressive hose lays. No heavy equipment will be operated off pre-existing road/motorways or on previously undisturbed soil surfaces. Directed aerial water drops will be made by helicopter pilots utilizing air to ground communication with ground personnel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits under Class 4 Categorical Exemption described in CCR 14 15304 pertaining to minor alterations to land. A limited environmental review conducted by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department staff foresters confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project and determined that no significant impacts would occur. Documentation of the environmental review is on file at the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Natural Resource Section Vegetation Management Unit in Pacoima.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Samantha Conn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 818-890-5720

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: Michael Y. Takahashi Date: 10/28/21 Title: Assistant Chief

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: