

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Watershed Conservation Authority
100 N Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa CA 91702

(Address)

Project Title: Mount Baldy Wilderness Preserve Broom Removal

Project Applicant: Watershed Conservation Authority

Project Location - Specific:

Mount Baldy Wilderness Preserve

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Removal of invasive Spanish broom (*Spartium junceum*) at Mount Baldy Wilderness Preserve, starting from upland areas and working downhill.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Watershed Conservation Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Watershed Conservation 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. State type and section number: 15304. MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The WCA has completed a preliminary review of the project in accordance with Section 15061 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, and finds that the proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land: 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). The project includes several of the elements that characterize accepted applications of this exemption: minor alterations in vegetation—none of which requires the removal healthy, mature, or scenic trees—which will result in improvement of habitat for wildlife resources and help to create a more fire resistant/resilient landscape; and fuel management that will not result in taking of endangered, rare, or threatened species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jane Tsong Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-815-1019

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: 10-21-2021 Title: Project Manager

▪ 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: _____