



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  
Los Angeles County Clerk  
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12400 E Imperial Hwy, Room 1101  
Norwalk, CA 90650

From:  
City of Pasadena  
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services  
100 North Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91101

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**Project Title:** Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Pasadena Arroyo Seco Project

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**Project Applicant:** City of Pasadena, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

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**Project Address:** Lower and Central Arroyo Seco areas and Hahamonga Watershed Park as referenced in the attached maps.

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**Project City:** Pasadena

**Project County:** Los Angeles

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**Project Description:** The project is designed to reduce the fire hazard to the City of Pasadena Lands. The project involves minor alterations to existing conditions by removing dead, non-native plants and trimming overgrown vegetation. The vegetation will be lopped and scattered and left in place with no ground disturbance activities.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Pasadena

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Pasadena, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

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**Exempt Status (Check one):**

- Ministerial (California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(1); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, §15268)
- Declared Emergency (California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, §15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities and §15304, Class 4, Minor Alteration of Land)
- Statutory Exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, §15269)
- General Rule (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, C Chapter 3, Article 5, §15061(b)(3))

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**Reason why project is exempt:** This project is statutorily exempt from CEQA as an emergency project, as well as being categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Existing Facilities, and Class 4, Minor Alteration of Land.

Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines §15269(c). The proposed project is specifically designed to prevent and/or mitigate a wildfire emergency.

Class 1 (CEQA Guidelines §15301) exempts from environmental review, among other things, the repair, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of the use. CEQA Guidelines §15301(h) specifically includes maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth in this categorical exemption. The proposed project consists of minor alterations of public lands that would not result in an expansion of use.

Class 4 (CEQA Guidelines §15304) exempts from environmental review 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 proposed project consists of vegetation maintenance to reduce wildfire hazards. No healthy, mature, scenic trees would be removed.

There are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances.

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