

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From: (Public Agency):** CA Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

Project Title: Trees Make Life Better

Project Applicant: City of Berkeley

Project Location - Specific:  
West side of Aquatic Park, 80 Bolivar Dr., Berkeley, CA and throughout the City of Berkeley in areas West of M.L. King Junior Way

Project Location - City: Berkeley Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Plant 600 trees in the City of Berkeley, as follows: a)Plant 250 trees on the West side of Aquatic Park along Interstate and throughout open space near the lagoon. b)Plant 50 trees at University Avenue at entrance to the waterfront. c)Plant 50 trees at San Pablo Park. d)Plant 250 trees along urban streets in areas West of MLK Jr. Way

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Berkeley

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: 15301(c). EXISTING FACILITIES.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
15301(c). EXISTING FACILITIES. Project involves light site modification and tree planting in existing City sidewalk areas and existing parks. Project will offer multiple quantifiable environmental benefits.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Jocelyn Petersen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916)902-6385

**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

MJ Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 12/8/2021 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.