

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): Orange County Fire Authority
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

(Address)

Project Title: Anaheim Invasive Pest Mitigation And Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Orange County Fire Authority

Project Location - Specific:

The Project site consists of trees within Oak Canyon and Deer Canyon, located within the northwest corner of the Santa Ana Mountains. See Figure 1.

Project Location - City: Anaheim/Unincorporated County Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Orange County Fire Authority, under the CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant Program (Grant Number 5GG17194), proposes to treat trees with pesticides to reduce the presence of invasive gold spotted oak borer (GSOB), Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB), and Invasive Shot Hole Borer (ISHB) within Orange County, CA. The Proposed Project is located within southwestern Orange County and would consist of unincorporated County land located within the Oak Canyon Nature Center, the Anaheim Hills Golf Course, and Deer Canyon Park.

Trees are an important component of natural ecosystems in California and treatment of infested trees would eliminate pests and slow the spread rate, enhancing the survival rate of existing tree populations. A decrease in tree mortality would ultimately reduce the wildfire risks to habitable structures by reducing potential fuel within parks and adjacent to roads, homes, and HOAs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Fire Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Fire 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: Sections 15304, 15307, 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


None of the exceptions specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. See Attachment A.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dave Erickson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-447-0549

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: 2/1/22 Title: Wildland Resource Planner

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: _____