



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Angeles District
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PROJECT TITLE: Santa Ynez Trail Step Replacement (ER-13422)

LOCATION: Topanga State Park

COUNTY: Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project will replace 30 original steps on the northern section of the Santa Ynez hiking trail which were burned by the Palisades Fire in May 2021. Drainage dips and water bars will be cleared and reestablished to provide for improved water flow off the trail. Reinstallation of the Santa Ynez trail steps will reestablish safe trail access through some of the steeper grades of the trail alignment while limiting soil erosion and displacement from hikers climbing through these sections. Further information regarding the project, as well as measures to be implemented to avoid impacts, may be obtained by contacting the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 1

Section(s): 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including conditions provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- Trail Repairs (Class 1, Section 15301)

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