

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles Department
of Recreation and Parks
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County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Hwy.
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Project Title GRIFFITH PARK - Removal of one Western Sycamore and installation of eighteen (18) trees

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Project Location - Specific: 4730 North Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA, 90027

Project Location - City: Los Angeles **Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project consists of removal of one Western Sycamore tree located in Griffith Park, along North Vermont Canyon Road, and installation of eighteen (18) replacement trees in Griffith Park, to allow the replacement of an existing temporary water pump, with a permanent pump skid system which supports the park water distribution system.

Based on the Cumulative Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of the Western Sycamore tree, the removal of the Western Sycamore will be replaced by the planting a total of eighteen (18) trees. The trees would each be "24" box sized and 2" caliper trees. The number and species of the trees would be: Six (6) – Island Oaks, Six (6) – Western Sycamores; Three (3) – Desert Museum Palo Verdes; Three (3) – Torrey Pines.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

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: CCR Title 14 §15304(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Project consists of the removal of a damaged tree and the planting of new trees. The tree is in fair condition, but shows signs of stress and invasive shot hole borer activity. A large area of the bark is missing. Dead or hollow roots stemming from that area of the trunk and root buttress are also present. The tree will be replaced following the Cumulative Diameter at Breast Height ratio, in the same general area as the tree to be removed, therefore the overall environmental effect of this removal is minimal.

Based on these considerations, the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elena Maggioni **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 1(213) 482 - 6980

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:** 2/3/2022 **Title:** Environmental Supervisor

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: _____

