

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: Los Angeles
 12400 Imperial Highway
 Norwalk, California 90650

From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles
Museum of Natural History
900 W Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007
 (Address)

Project Title: Research and Information Gathering for the Proposed La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation

Project Location - Specific:

5801 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90036; APN 5508016902

Project Location - City: Los Angeles/Miracle Mile Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Attachment 1 provides a description and the purpose of the project. As part of this information gathering process to support the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan Project planning and design, three different exploratory testing and information gathering efforts are required. These proposed activities are geotechnical exploratory testing, methane probes, and archaeological testing. Geotechnical field explorations would include Oyo suspension logging at a depth of approximately 100 feet, sampling, and groundwater monitoring. Methane probes would consist of shallow soil gas probes installed below the surface at a depth of approximately 5 feet. Archaeological testing would consist of hand-excavating circular shovel test pits to a depth of approximately 1.5 meters.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles, Museum of Natural History

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation

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: 15304 and 15306; County of LA Environmental Document Reporting and Procedures Guidelines, 4 and 6
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15262

Reasons why project is exempt:

Attachment 1 provides the reasons why the project is exempt. After a thorough review of the State CEQA Guidelines and OPR guidance, and as the Lead Agency pursuant to CEQA for the activities proposed above, the County of Los Angeles has determined the proposed activities are CEQA exempt under Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies; Categorical Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land; and Categorical Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, Information Collection. The proposed activities are not subject to any of the exceptions identified in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Dawn McDivitt Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-763-3303

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: 8/22/2022 Title: Chief Deputy Director

• 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.

