

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Rd
San Diego, CA 92123

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Laguna Laurel Enhancement for Wildfire Resiliency

Project Applicant: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location - Specific:

Laguna Laurel Ecological Reserve

Project Location - City: Laguna Beach Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of a 3.0-acre area within Laguna Laurel Ecological Reserve, Laguna Beach, California, dominated by nonnative, invasive grasses and forbs that have generated a layer of thatch that covers the project site. Project activities will include pre-construction biological, archaeological and paleontological surveys, on-site monitoring as needed during implementation, site preparation, and native plant procurement and establishment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amanda Swanson

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Minor alterations in vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management (ER) areas which result in improvement of habitat and wildlife resources.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Amanda Swanson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949)640-9961

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: Edmund Pert Date: 2/17/2022 Title: Regional Manager
South Coast Region

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.