

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of: San Diego

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

(Address)

Project Title: Carlsbad Highlands ER Fire Fuel Reduction

Project Applicant: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location - Specific:

**Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve**

Project Location - City: Carlsbad Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project objectives are to remove and or reduce fire fuels in Carlsbad Highlands ER that pose a risk to the ER and adjacent privately held property. The project will reduce the amount of invasive annual species and dead standing biomass which will reduce the fire risk and improve habitat by promoting native plant species.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gabriel Penaflor

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. Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

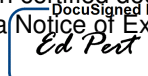
Reasons why project is exempt:

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: Lowry Pierich Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805 826-8641

**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: 6/17/2022 Title: Regional Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_