

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Oak Forest Estates Fuel Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-LAN-24504-R5)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at Triunfo Creek, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California; Latitude 34.13200, Longitude -118.81900; The Project site is located east of Lindero Canyon Road, south of Ridgford Drive, and north of Sherwood Drive and Robinhood Lane in the City of Westlake Village.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-LAN-24504-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Oak Forest Estates Association.

The Project is limited to a one-time vegetation management treatment to the amount of dead wood around the Oak Forest Estates Mobile Home Park (property) to provide defensible space for protection from wildfire. The northern edge of the developed area is bordered by Triunfo Creek, a tributary to the Santa Clara River. The Project area consists of a 15.28 acre area of the 200-foot defensible space buffer overlaps with Triunfo Creek. Dead wood and brush have accumulated within the Project area after the Woolsey fire, providing an excess amount of fuels around the property. Project activities will consist of removal of dead trees, other dead vegetation, large woody debris, and trash. Live vegetation removal will be limited to removal of the non-native fan palms. Project activities in the stream will be conducted by crews operating on foot and using hand tools. Personnel would not walk within or disturb aquatic habitats, which would be avoided during Project activities and no staff will enter the wetted channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is consistent with the requirements for a Class 4 exemption, which consists of minor alterations to the condition of the land, water or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. This project consists of vegetation alterations for the purposes of fuel modification around the Oak Forest Estates Mobile Home Park. This project will not result in removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

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