

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Peck Park Brush Clearance Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-36994-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** Peck Park is an in-fill park located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the community of San Pedro in the City of Los Angeles. The Project site is located south of Pacific Coast Highway, west of Interstate 110 (I-110), and east of State Route 213 (SR-213). The Project site is specifically located north of W. Summerland Avenue, south of Miraflores Avenue, east of N. Western Avenue, and west of N Gaffey Street.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-36994-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Los Angeles - Department of Recreation and Parks.

The Permittee proposes to conduct brush clearance involving mowing and other hand operated clearance activities within Peck Park. Peck Park includes two small canyons, Peck Canyon and Dunn Canyon. These canyons are in-fill areas surrounded by residential development. Weedy species dominate the park's slopes, creating a fire hazard for the surrounding areas. The brush clearing would occur over an area totaling approximately 42.8 acres using gas powered tools and hand tools. Approximately 2.59 acres of riparian area was identified and mapped within Peck Canyon and Dunn Canyon, of which 1.51 acres are subject to brush clearance activities. This includes 0.08 acres of native natural communities and 1.43 acres of non-native natural communities. The native natural communities include 0.04 acres of California Sycamore Riparian Woodland and .03 acres of Cattail Marsh.

**Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles - Department of Recreation and Parks**

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. This includes the maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth to protect fish and wildlife resources. The project proposes to conduct brush clearance by hand from the two canyons. Any temporary impacts will be restored to pre-project conditions. Project-related activities shall result in no more than 1.513 acres of permanent impacts to the stream on site. This includes 0.08 acres of native natural communities and 1.43 acres of non-native natural communities. No temporary impacts will occur.

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