



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Angeles District
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PROJECT TITLE: Trippet Ranch Oak Woodland Restoration

LOCATION: Topanga State Park

COUNTY: Los Angeles County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project proposes oak plantings and maintenance of coast live oak trees over a 3-year period at Trippet Ranch in Topanga State Park. The purpose of the project is to address oak woodland die off from weather extremes, insect infestation, disease, wildfire, and limited natural recruitment. The project follows a priority planting plan which uses predicted climate change estimates to anticipate areas that are more likely to support live oaks for the next 100-200 years. The project will use similar metrics and methods to a previous 3-year restoration project in the project vicinity that was performed in coordination with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains between 2019 and 2022. The project will also provide continued care and maintenance of the oak tree sapling previously planted. Further information regarding the project, as well as measures to be implemented to avoid impacts, may be obtained by contacting the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 Statutory Exemption (Section)
 Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304 – Minor Alteration to Land

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, including conditions provided by CDPR staff, it is exempt under the Departmental List of Exempt Activities established under the authority of CEQA §15300.4 as:

- Minor Alteration to Land (Class 4, Section 15304)

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