



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Road  
Calabasas, CA 91302-1909

**PROJECT TITLE:** Tapia Park Public Use Area Forestry Project

**LOCATION:** Malibu Creek State Park

**COUNTY:** Los Angeles County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The goal of this project is to improve the resiliency, structure, and habitat value of the oak groves in the Tapia Park Public Use Area at Malibu Creek State Park. The oaks within the picnic areas are affected by multiple issues including compacted soils from historic intense visitor use, rill erosion, and single age canopy structure. To correct these issues the project will decompact compressed soils, repair erosion and reinforce with logs staked in place to reduce erosion. The project will also plant acorns with protective metal caging, flagging and numeric tags that will be used for data management, and will install symbolic fencing around the dripline of mature healthy trees to protect the soil from further compaction. 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:

- Class: 4: Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land*
  - *Resource Management Projects*

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