

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County of Los Angeles  
County Clerk  
Environmental Filings  
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2001  
Norwalk, California 90650  
(562) 462-2122

**From:** County of Los Angeles  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Planning & CEQA Section  
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40  
A-9 West, Third Floor  
Alhambra, California 91803

**Project Title:** Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) FY23/24  
LA Arboretum Habitat Restoration, Fire Reduction, Weed  
Removal and Education Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Los Angeles County Arboretum  
301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007

**Project Location - City:** City of Arcadia

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The proposed project involves habitat restoration, fire reduction, and invasive weed removal. As part of these projects, Arboretum staff will educate the public on invasive flora such as paper mulberries, ash, tree of heaven, hackberries, etc.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Los Angeles County

**Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Los Angeles County

**Exempt Status** (check one):

**Article 19. Categorical Exemptions**

- Categorical Section 15301  
Class 1 (h)(i)
- Categorical Section 15304  
Class 4 (b)(i)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption  
Class 1 (j)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption  
Class 4 (c)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (h) for maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth, and 1(i) for maintenance of wildlife habitat areas.

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The project is also consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which provides for minor alteration to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (b) for new landscaping and 4(i) for fuel management activities.

The project is consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (j) for maintenance of and minor alternations to existing landscaping and native growth.

The project is also consistent with Class 4 which provides for minor alterations to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (c) for new landscaping.

The proposed use of Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jui Ing Chien      **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext.** (626) 588-5317

**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

  
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Signature, Jui Ing Chien

12/21/23  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Park Planner  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title