

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve Tree Removal

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve Pecho Unit located on the South end of Los Osos, directly North of Montaña de Oro State Park.

Section 23, Township 30S, Range 10E Mount Diablo Range or 35.3027271°N, 120.8645896°W

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) plans to remove 7 eucalyptus trees that were illegally cut down. The downed trees are a fire hazard and are adversely affecting the native maritime chaparral plant community.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 7; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15307 and 757(7)(D). Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources

**Reasons why the project is exempt:** This project regulatory agency action for protection of natural resources, specifically reduction of illegally felled eucalyptus trees that represent a significant fuel hazard. Title 14, Section 757(7)(D) specifically includes controlled burning for habitat productivity as an exempt activity for CDFW. None of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply.

**CDFW Contact Person:** Dave Hacker, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor, at (805) 594-6152.

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