

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 County Clerk County of: <u>Los Angeles</u> _____ _____	<b>From: (Public Agency):</b> <u>California Natural Resources Agency</u> <u>715 P Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u> _____ _____ (Address)
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Project Title: El Rancho Unified Emerald Necklace Natural Infrastructure High School Complex

Project Applicant: Amigos de los Rios

Project Location - Specific:  
El Rancho High School, 6501 Passon Blvd., Pico Rivera, California

Project Location – City: Pico Rivera Project Location – County: Los Angles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Project is to plant trees and shrubs throughout the 56.74-acre El Rancho Unified School District High School Complex in Pico Riveria in eastern Los Angeles County. The project would improve air and water quality through the installation and replacement of plants, rain gardens, and bioswales across the campus.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amigos de los Rios

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: 14 C.C.R. Sec. 15304 Class 4(b)

Reasons why project is exempt:  
The planting of new landscaping, and the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping is the central focus of this project.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Karen Montgomery Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-8116

**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

Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 2/14/2024 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code