

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Torrance - Cabrillo Avenue EEMP Urban Forestry Project

Project Applicant: City of Torrance

Project Location - Specific:

Right of Way – Cabrillo Avenue median between 213th Street and Plaza del Amo. Coordinates 33.830540000; -118.314400000

Project Location – City: Torrance Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Planting 125 trees to expand the City's urban forest, and associated water and energy efficient irrigation. The urban forest project will benefit local residents by increasing CO2 emissions capture due to tree presence in proximity to heavily traveled roadway.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Torrance

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: Title 14, § 15304 (b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets the conditions for exemption for new gardening landscaping including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire-resistant landscaping. New water efficient trees will be planted in a previously disturbed area (i.e., street median) and will replace palm trees and asphalt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nicole Inglot Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-5564

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