

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: CEQA Postings
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Chelsea Oakes
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Apply and Accept Grant Funds from California Department of Water Resources County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program

Project Location: **Agua Caliente County Park** – 39555 Great Southern Overland Stage Route of 1849, Julian, CA 92036; **El Monte County Park** – 15805 El Monte Road, Lakeside, CA 92040; **Louis A. Stelzer County Park** – 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040; **Santa Margarita County Preserve** – 37385 De Luz Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600

Project Description: The proposed project involves applying and accepting grant funds from the California Department of Water Resources County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program for 4 parks (El Monte County Park, Oakoasis County Preserve, Santa Margarita County Preserve, and Louis A. Stelzer County Park) that have been determined to be eligible for funding based on the grant requirements.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: 4/10/2024

County Contact Person: Charlie Auyon

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This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on **April 10, 2024 (item #8)** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s):
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15061(b)(3) is applicable to the acceptance of grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program because "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." If a project is developed, environmental review will be conducted prior to approval of the project.

Additionally, the project would not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; would not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 315-9095

Name (Print): Chelsea Oakes Title: Group Program Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.