

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Forestry Division, 5823 Rickenbacker Rd Room 123
Commerce, CA 90040

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

(Address)

Project Title: Santa Clarita Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

Oat Mountain USGS 7.5 Quad T03N R16W, Riverdale Open Space, Santa Clarita

Project Location - City: Santa Clarita Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will conduct a fuel reduction project to reduce the fuel loading in Rivendale Ranch. We plan to implement prescribed grazing with goats and sheep. Our project aims to promote the safety of surrounding areas while showcasing the effectiveness of sustainable and eco-friendly fire prevention methods. The project is located at Rivendale Ranch's 118-acre open space park in Towsley Canyon, operated by the city of Santa Clarita, Northern Los Angeles County. The project goal is to reduce the risk of a wildfire resulting from recreation actions at the park or ignition from the freeway corridor. The aim is to reduce wildfire intensity and rate of spread for any fires in and around the wildland-urban interface. The project treatment areas include approximately 60 of the 179 acres owned by the City of Santa Clarita. This project will provide a strategic fuel break for the neighboring residential communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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: Class 4, Section 15304
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 Categorical Exemption: Minor Alterations to Land. A Class 4 Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. These actions include fuel management activities conducted in accordance with public fire agency determinations (Section 15304(i)).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Evan Conklin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 503-6324

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: [Signature] Date: 04/30/24 Title: Deputy Forester

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.