

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** (Public Agency): Fish and Wildlife  
3883 Ruffin Rd  
San Diego, CA 92123

County Clerk  
 County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: Pilgrim Creek Fire Break

Project Applicant: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location - Specific:  
Pilgrim Creek Ecological Reserve

Project Location - City: Oceanside Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will continue to maintain the 0.5-acre fuel break along the property border of the Reserve and the Estates. This is a 50 feet wide fuel break that the California Department of Transportation started to maintain under their ownership and CDFW continued to maintain under our management. This border is cleared of vegetation to prevent a fire from passing between the properties. In addition to the fuel break by the Estates, CDFW will maintain a cleared 6-feet buffer along Douglas Road and removal of all the nonnative flash fuels up to the tree line (~3.5 acres). Mechanical and chemical methods will be used to continually maintain the vegetation within the firebreaks

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife

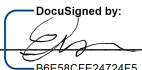
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- 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: 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
  - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
Minor alterations to land for fuel management activities that does not impact endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Lowry Pierich Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-826-8641

- 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:  Date: 8/19/2024 Title: Regional Manager

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.