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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	SPUSD Preschool Green Schoolyards		
PROJECT LOCATION	Santa Paula	**COUNTY**	Ventura
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Santa Paula Unified School District will transition two early childhood schoolyards into nature-based childhood development spaces. Project activities will include the removal of approximately 17,500 square feet of concrete/asphalt, removal of approximately 35,000 square feet of underutilized turf, installation of 4,050 square feet of permeable pavement, installation of 10,300 square feet of decomposed granite, 8 garden beds, nature play/learning areas, planting of 56 #15 drought tolerant and low maintenance trees, drought tolerant landscaping, water-efficient irrigation, and stormwater landscape gardens and infrastructure.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Minor Alterations to Land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope. It has been concluded that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts will occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire risk. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Headquarters in Sacramento.

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