

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Lowell Joint State Funded Preschool Green Schoolyards		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	La Habra and Whittier	<b>COUNTY</b>	Los Angeles, Orange
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Lowell Joint School District will improve four preschool schoolyards into nature-based childhood development spaces. Project activities will include the planting of 25 (24” to 48” box) drought tolerant and low maintenance trees, drought tolerant landscaping, natural features/play areas, food gardens, outdoor classrooms comprised of boulders and natural landscape benches, decomposed granite paths, and water efficient irrigation.

**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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