

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

**PROJECT TITLE** Saint Vincent’s Day Home, “Creating Green Oasis for Historically Underserved Youth in West Oakland”

**PROJECT LOCATION** Oakland **COUNTY** Alameda

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project will transform an existing child care facility campus into a shaded and welcoming play yard for the students at Saint Vincent’s Day Home. Project goals are to effectively organize the programmatic elements of the schoolyard while also providing flexible spaces for students to gather, play, learn and grow. The project will plant 35 trees that will increase shade for students and teachers. Trees will be primarily 15 gallon and 24” box trees.

This project will have no significant environmental impacts to the site. Tree holes will be dug by hand, and only, if necessary, may utilize a small backhoe to dig highly compacted soils for the new trees. Excavation for all other surfacing changes will be limited to 8”-10” of excavation. The install of an upgraded drip-irrigation system will be primarily by hand with localized trenching.

Construction will cause some temporary and periodic impacts; these include modest construction noise and limited dust. Construction best practice management systems will be implemented to mitigate the noted impacts.

**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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John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director      Date  
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