

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	UCR Center for Early Childhood Education Outdoor Play Yard Improvements		
PROJECT LOCATION	Riverside	COUNTY	Riverside
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Regents of the University of California, Riverside, will implement a green schoolyard project at one childcare facility. Project activities will include the removal of 7,321.28 square feet of non-functional turf, planting of 10,036.12 square feet of drought tolerant trees, shrubs, and other climate appropriate plants. Their will be designated irrigation installed to support the newly planted trees and plants. Additionally, this project will include a combination of natural moveable materials like sitting logs, steppingstones, sand, etc. as well as nature-theme manufactured playground structures, and creation of outdoor garden spaces suitable for learning.

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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