

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

**From: (Public Agency):** California Department of Transportation (District 7)  
100 S. Main St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Wildfire Fuel Reduction on State Route 14 - EA 5C200\_014

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

Project Location - Specific:

**On State Route 14 from post-mile (PM) 42-46**

Project Location - City: Santa Clarita, Agua Dulce Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a Fire-Fuel Reduction Plan for State Route 14 in Los Angeles County from post-mile (PM) 42-46. The proposed scope of work includes vegetation removal and tree pruning from the right-of-way line to the right-of-way line along the length of the post-miles. Work will be conducted without ground disturbance (only foot traffic) and no bare-mineral earth will be exposed during vegetation removal activities. All work will be conducted within the right-of-way. No heavy equipment use is anticipated. The purpose of this project is to assist the state in wildfire resilience and to meet wildfire resilience goals. The project is needed to assist vegetation and wildfire management and to function as a fuel break or fire control line during emergency operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation (District 7)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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: Class 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

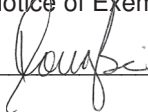
Class 4. (i) Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Doug Bei Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-269-1720

**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: 01/10/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_