

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): _____
City of San Clemente Planning Department
910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA, 92673

(Address)

Project Title: San Clemente Brush Clearance Site #1

Project Applicant: City of San Clemente

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: San Clemente

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of San Clemente proposes the Brush Clearance Site #1 project on a 33.7-acre site in Orange County, CA (APN 678-163-010). This project involves vegetation management through controlled goat grazing, with electronic fencing used to facilitate rotational grazing and prevent overgrazing. The project aims to reduce overgrowth vegetation and invasive plant species while protecting native vegetation, helping to mitigate wildfire risk. By clearing flammable fuels and creating open, less dense areas, the goats establish natural firebreaks, particularly in wildland-urban interface zones, where they create defensible space around structures, specifically neighboring residences and public facilities. The project will be managed by professional staff, and grazing activities will be supported by periodic use of a 7,500-square-foot goat enclosure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Clemente

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Clemente

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: Section 15301, Section 15304, and Section 15359
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A. The project is exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and Section 15359 (Emergency).

Lead Agency

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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: *Robert A. Zubay* Date: 1/17/2025 Title: CEO
Consultant

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: _____