

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

<p>To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 County Clerk County of: _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>From: (Public Agency): <u>California Natural Resources Agency</u> <u>715 P Street, 20th Floor</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u> (Address)</p>
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Project Title: Willow Staking with Community Volunteers

Project Applicant: Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy (LRPC)

Project Location - Specific:
 Portions of APNs #39401135 and #38225033 west of Channel Rd. in Lakeside, CA

Project Location – City: Lakeside Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to re-vegetate previously disturbed land with native vegetation. Up to 6,500 willow stakes will be installed across six acres to enhance the riparian ecosystem. Willows (and some cottonwoods) are appropriate for this ecosystem because they will provide nesting and foraging habitat for wildlife and cultural benefits to the Kumeyaay Bands. This project will recruit and engage community volunteers by providing training and education about the San Diego River and its native habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy

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, Section 15304; minor alterations to land
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Consistent with the Landscape Guidelines of the RiverWay Specific Plan SPA 15-003, this project entails new gardening and landscaping in the buffer areas of the San Diego River corridor by installing willow and cottonwood stakes from existing trees on LRPC’s 100-acre site. The stakes will be approximately 4 to 5 feet long and cut limbs will be between 0.50 and 2.0 inches in diameter.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ron Benny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6359

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: Andrea Scharffer Date: 1/29/2025 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code