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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Hickory Creek Nature Park Project

Project Applicant: City of Chino Hills

Project Location - Specific:
15445 Hickory Lane – APN 103016173

Project Location – City: Chino Hills Project Location – County: San Bernadino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Removal of 54 declining, dead, invasive, or pest infested trees to be replaced with 66 native trees. The project will benefit the community by providing significant reduction in GHG emissions and improve recreational safety in urban forestry.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Chino Hills

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));
- ☒ Categorial Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301(h)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project involves maintenance of existing trees, landscaping, and native growth.

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