

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: Ventura County
Hall of Administration, Main Plaza
800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura CA 93009

From: (Public Agency):
Ventura County Resource Conservation District
PO Box 147, Somis, CA 93066
(Address)

Project Title: VCRCO Sawyer Training and Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCO)

Project Location - Specific:
Taft Gardens, 2162 Baldwin Road

Project Location - City: Ojai Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project will remove non-native invasive trees, such as Eucalyptus, which are fire hazards due to their oily leaves and production of seedlings. Activities will also include brushing and thinning at the base of mature Coast Live Oaks (Quercus agrifolia) to protect these mature native trees from hazardous fuel loading around their tree trunks. The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous wildfire fuel loads while also providing S-212 (Wildland Chainsaw) training. Beneficiaries include the landowners, participants, and surrounding community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ventura County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kevin Mason

- 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is exempt because the activities conducted will result in only minor alterations in the land and vegetation through felling of invasive non-native trees and the thinning and brushing of flammable vegetation. This project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Kevin Mason Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 424-832-6400

- 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: [Signature] Date: 2/11/2025 Title: Executive Director, VCRCO
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: 2/11/2025
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.