

Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County
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Environmental Management Division
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Project Description

Project Title: Elder Creek Emergency Stockpile- Atmospheric Rainstorm February 2025 Post-Fire

Project Location: Parcel adjacent to Elder Creek (APN 120140102) located in the City of Highland, south of Greenspot Road, and to the north and west of Abbey Way.

Project Description: The atmospheric rainstorm of February 13-14, 2025, coupled with unstable soil conditions within the Line Fire burn-scar watershed, resulted in significant deposition of burned material and sediment, leading to mud and debris flows within the Highland community adjacent to Elder Creek channel. Elder Creek was unable to accommodate the volume of mud and debris originating from the burn-scar area, leading to mandatory evacuations and roadway closures. Emergency stockpiling using heavy equipment is necessary to remove the mud and debris and restore road access and channel capacity.

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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)];
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section: _____
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
 Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15269(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines allows for emergency repairs to an area which a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, as Governor Newsom declared on September 7, 2024, for Line Fire emergency actions. Section 15269(b) allows for emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned facilities to maintain service essential to public health, safety, or welfare. Section 15269(c) allows for specific actions taken to mitigate for an emergency.

Signature Anthony Pham, P.E.

On behalf of Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E.

Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div.

Title

Date

2/25/25

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A