

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PROJECT TITLE	Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, "INSY Forest Management"		
PROJECT LOCATION	Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation; 40 miles east of Escondido and near the mountain towns of Santa Ysabel and Julian	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel to implement tribal wildfire resilience treatments to manage their ancestral lands in San Diego County and benefit the Iipay People. Treatments include traditional and modern techniques to conduct fuel reduction activities (manual and mechanical), prescribed burning (pile and cultural), restoration efforts, and firewood harvesting to support the Reservations community wood bank. These treatments intend to increase forest health and resilience, improve cultural food sovereignty, and promote employment opportunities through workforce and development trainings. The overall project aims to serve California Native American Tribes and advance wildfire resilience, forest health, and the cultural use of fire.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(e)

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4799.05(e), CEQA does not apply to projects funded by the Nature-Based Solutions Tribal Program, or the tribal cultural burn and tribal wildfire funding authorized by Schedule (2) of Item 3540-101-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2021, as added by Section 46 of Chapter 240 of the Statutes of 2021. This subdivision only applies to projects carried out on lands subject to the jurisdictional control or the ownership of a California Native American tribe, as defined in Section 21073. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety and determined to meet the requirements of PRC 4799.05(e).

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