



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Canyon Ailanthus Control, Chino Hills SP (06/07-IE-43)

**LOCATION:** Chino Hills SP

**COUNTY:** San Bernardino

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Removal of invasive Ailanthus trees from Water Canyon. Trees will be felled with chainsaws, bucked, and left to decay in place. Branches will be chipped and stumps will be treated with herbicide to prevent re-sprout.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Inland Empire

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section )
- Categorical Exemption  
*Class: 4 Section(s): 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.  
A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.  
An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.  
Project will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources (class 4d)  
Project does not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters (class 4i)

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