



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Casa de Machado y Stewart Dead Fruit Tree Removal (12/13-SD-32)

LOCATION: Old Town San Diego SHP

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Three dead fruit trees that are near the Casa de Machado y Stewart in Old Town San Diego SHP will be cut down to just above ground level to protect public health and support continued use and maintenance. The trees were planted for interpretive purposes and are not historic. The tree stump and roots will be left in place until after the ADA projects have been completed, at which point replanting will be considered.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Diego Coast

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption Class: 4, Section: 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as "Minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that will not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees" (Class 4, Section 15304).

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