



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Invasive Tree Removal (13/14-SD-13)

LOCATION: Torrey Pines SNR

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project will remove invasive trees within the riparian habitat of Los Penasquitos Lagoon in Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve to protect park resources.

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, 33 Section(s): 15304, 15333

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 CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land and §15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects (≤ 5 acres). The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Resource management projects” and “Stewardship projects” (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- “Wetland restoration” and “ Projects to restore or enhance habitat that are carried out principally with hand labor and not mechanized equipment” (Class 33, Section 15333)

The project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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