



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Live Oak Tree Planting (14/15-A-8)
LOCATION: Los Encinos State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
This project is to plant two Coast Live Oak trees at Los Encinos SHP which were donated by a park visitor who grew the trees from acorns. By planting these trees, California State Parks would be adding two trees to the number of already-planted oaks which have long been on the park property and are representative of the historical past of the San Fernando Valley.

The receiving spots chosen for these trees were determined with the input of the District Park and Recreation Specialist and District Archaeologist, and with consideration to any written plans for the park including landscape plans. Their location was also determined by the appropriate landscape (i.e. amount of water received) and with consideration of proximity to the historic buildings. Both trees will be planted along Moorpark Street near the blacksmith shop on the north/northwest corner of the park. One of the trees will replace a failing oak which will be removed, and the second will replace another oak that failed and died years ago. Ground disturbance will be as minimal as possible while still adequate enough for planting the juveniles and removal of the failing oak tree.

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

- EXEMPT STATUS:**
- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 - Statutory Exemption (Section _____)
 - Categorical Exemption
Class: 1, 4 Section(s): 15301 15304

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 comments provided by C DPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Landscape plant replacement" (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- "Resource management projects" and "Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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