



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Inland Empire District
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PROJECT TITLE: Weed Management ROE, Chino Hills SP (15/16-IE-10)

LOCATION: Chino Hills State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

DPR will issue a Right of Entry permit to The Nature Conservancy to map and treat yellow star thistle and Sahara mustard in Coal Canyon. Mapping will be conducted using widely utilized techniques including GPS units and marking locations on field maps. All field data will be entered into a geodatabase made available to State Park staff. Treatment will primarily be completed using herbicide applied with backpack and hand held sprayers by a licensed applicator. All access will be from established dirt roads on Chino Hills SP.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

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, 5 Section(s): 15304 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land and §15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Resource management projects” (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- “Issuance of easements and permits” (Class 5, Section 15305)

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

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