NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Campo Camp Lockett Fuelbreak		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portion of Section 15, T 18S, R 5E, SBB&M	**COUNTY**	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to provide a fuel reduction zone adjacent to homes and properties along the eastern perimeter of portions of the unincorporated community of Campo, located in southeastern San Diego County. This project will also provide protection for two water tanks located along Gloriosa Road. This project will incorporate properties owned by the County of San Diego, and private landowners. The intent of this project is to reduce a potential fire's intensity thus providing enhanced suppression opportunities, and decrease the threat of fire originating from the adjacent urban area. Fuels within the project area have no recorded fire history within the last 50 years.

This project proposes establishing a fuel reduction zone by reducing the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels within the zone. Width of the proposed zone varies from 110 feet to 200 feet wide and is approximately 1.15 miles in length, encompassing a total of 23 acres. The average width of the of the fuel reduction zone is approximately 150 feet wide. Treatment includes reducing the existing fuel loading of mixed chaparral vegetation by approximately 75%. Native vegetation targeted for removal will include chamise, California buckwheat, and big sagebrush that commonly occur within the project area. It is anticipated that targeting only these species of vegetation will result in the desired 75% reduction. The project work will be implemented by CAL FIRE hand crews using manual methods: trimming, pruning, and hand piling; with no removal of root structures. Depending on the location and access, the cut material generated as a result of this project will be chipped and spread on site, not to exceed three inches in depth. Materials that are not accessible to the chipper may be burned on site by CAL FIRE personnel and equipment. There will be no ground disturbing activities associated with this project.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 1530. Minor Alterations to Land
- [ ] Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- [ ] Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- [ ] Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- [ ] Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption pertaining to minor alterations to land as identified in the CEQA Guidelines. After completing an environmental analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, a CNDDB and RareFind, and BIOS search, greenhouse gas emission calculations, and an archaeological review completed by CAL FIRE Resource Management staff.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

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