

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE Cuesta Camp County-Wide Exempt Conservation & Training Projects (Chipping Only)

PROJECT LOCATION SLU County-Wide **COUNTY** San Luis Obispo

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION - CHIPPING ONLY

This project method includes all of the individual project sites county-wide where chipping-only services are provided by hand crews from Cuesta CC. Specifically, these projects are most commonly performed in conjunction with projects where the landowners have cleared and stacked excess vegetation in accessible locations along roads and driveways. The chipper is sometimes provided by the project sponsor and sometimes provided by CAL FIRE. Depending on the project, chips are disposed of both on and off site as agreed. The amount of this work completed varies greatly from year to year and the treated areas and chips produced are not quantified, but chipping where no cutting is involved comprises the least amount of work of any project method performed by Cuesta CC. Chippers are normally towed behind standard pick-ups and no off-road travel is permitted. No heavy equipment use is permitted. This project method will not impact cultural resources.

This exemption will be reevaluated every five years.

EXEMPTION STATUS

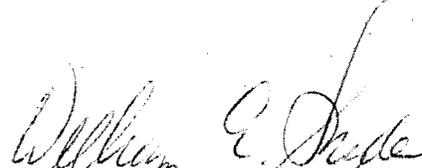
- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

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 the contact address above.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING





William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection