NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Cameron Extension Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Cameron Extension Truck Trail between Buckman Springs road and Lake Morena drive Near the communities of Campo and Lake Morena Village. Portion of section 29, T17S, R5E, SBBM	**COUNTY**	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project, to be implemented under CAL FIRE's Hazardous Fuels Treatment grant program, proposes to reduce the existing fuel loading, for an average cumulative distance of 250', along the Cameron Truck Trail Extension within those areas that have not been developed by the residences. This will result in treatment of 13 acres of vegetation, 10.5 acres of private lands and 2.5 acres (evaluated under a separate NEPA document) of public lands. Approximately 75-80 % of the mature vegetation existing within the project area will be removed at ground level, chipped on site and chips placed back over treated areas. Isolated species and/or small stands of Scrub Oak, Manzanita and Laurel Sumac will be left intact to provide a more natural appearance. This project will be implemented by CAL FIRE hand crews using hand tools and chain saws, there will be no ground disturbing activities associated with this project. Recurring maintenance of the fuel break covered under this NOE may take place over the next five years. Any work performed after February of 2017 will require a re-evaluation by CAL FIRE staff to insure all facets of this exemption remain valid.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 15302 (f) 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 within the description of a Class 4 Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to minor alterations to land. After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, CNDDB search, informal consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service personnel and archaeological review completed by CAL FIRE Archaeological staff.

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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