



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	HFT Tree and Brush Modification Project – Cuyamaca Forest Ranch HOA – Right-of-Way		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Rancho Cuyamaca Land Grant, T13S, R4E, SBBM	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description

The intent of this project is to create a reduced fuel zone on right-of-way adjacent to a main subdivision transportation network that will provide a greater degree of wildfire defensibility for the nearby residents and insure safe access to public a communication infrastructure site. The project consists of one (1) site totaling approximately 31 acres. Throughout the project site, vegetation will be modified 30 feet on both sides of a subdivision road network in a discontinuous pattern retaining well-spaced clumps of vegetation, brush, and trees representative of the current species diversity. A combination of treatment methods will be utilized to treat the vegetation: mechanical mastication and hand treatment of brush species along with removal and chipping of selected understory trees twelve inches (12") or less in diameter breast height. The work will be performed through contractual services by a Licensed Timber Operator (A) and supervised by CAL FIRE resource management staff.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 & 7
- 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))

§ 15304(g) Minor Alterations to Land
§ 15307 Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of Natural Resources.

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of the Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Class 7 (Actions by a Regulatory Agency for Protection of Natural Resources) 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 CSR-Riverside.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 1/31/12
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