

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State of California
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
157W. 5th Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0451

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APPLICANT

Project Name: Hazardous Fuels Reduction Services

Project Location: The proposed hazardous fuels reduction services are in the County Maintained Road System (Road System) and on properties adjacent to the Road System right-of-way and/or on federal or state land located in the Lake Arrowhead and surrounding areas, Crestline, Running Springs, Waterman Canyon, Wrightwood and surrounding areas, Angeles Oaks, Oak Glen, and Mt. Baldy Village.

Project Purpose: The purpose of the services is for fire safety of evacuation routes, wildland fire/fuels reduction training, provide defensible space of County critical infrastructure and private lands. In addition, to serve as a means of complete hazardous fuels reduction projects in concert with federal and state hazardous fuel reduction projects to provide seamless and continuous efforts toward the greater good. This work includes the removal of flammable vegetation within areas to reduce fuel loading, as well as tree, shrub, and weed maintenance activities. Any trees removed will not include the removal of the stump. The soil will not be altered or changed.

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

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Area Code/Telephone Number

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(2); 15269(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemption. Section 15301(c), Class 1 (Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why Project is exempt:

The hazardous fuels reduction services meet the requirements of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption "15301 Existing Facilities" - "Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance. . . or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities . . . or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The services will occur in County and privately owned lands with negligible or no expansion beyond project boundaries. The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) has concluded that no significant environmental impact will occur as a result of these services 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. SBCFPD has determined this project is therefore exempt under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations).

Signature

Date

Title

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____