



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Right of Entry Permit for Caltrans 91-71 Improvements Project (20/21-IE-07)

LOCATION: Chino Hills State Park

COUNTY: Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), a Caltrans partner, requests a Right of Entry permit for construction activities within Chino Hills State Park (CHSP) for earthwork grading of the cut slope, replacement of existing property chain link fence and placement of erosion control measures. The project geometrics will widen State Route (SR) 71 adjacent to the east side of Chino Hills State Park. The widening within Caltrans right of way will trigger regrading two cut slopes within Chino Hills State Park. The cut slopes will then have erosion control measures installed including Hydroseed planting mixes that have been approved by DPR. Approx. 1.1 acres of permanent impact will occur within CHSP as result of slope cut. Approx. 1.3 acres of temporary impact may occur within CHSP from construction access. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared in June 2011 by Caltrans for the entire State Route 91/State Route 71 Interchange Improvement Project. This Notice of Exemption is intended to address activity within CHSP, as part of a Right of Entry Permit. See attached exhibits (Exhibit A_Topographic Map, Exhibit B_Park Acreage Impacts).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Inland Empire

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 5

Section: 15305 – Minor Alterations to Land

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.4. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form, then it is exempt under CEQA §15305 – Minor Alterations to Land as part of the Department's Right to Enter Permit process.

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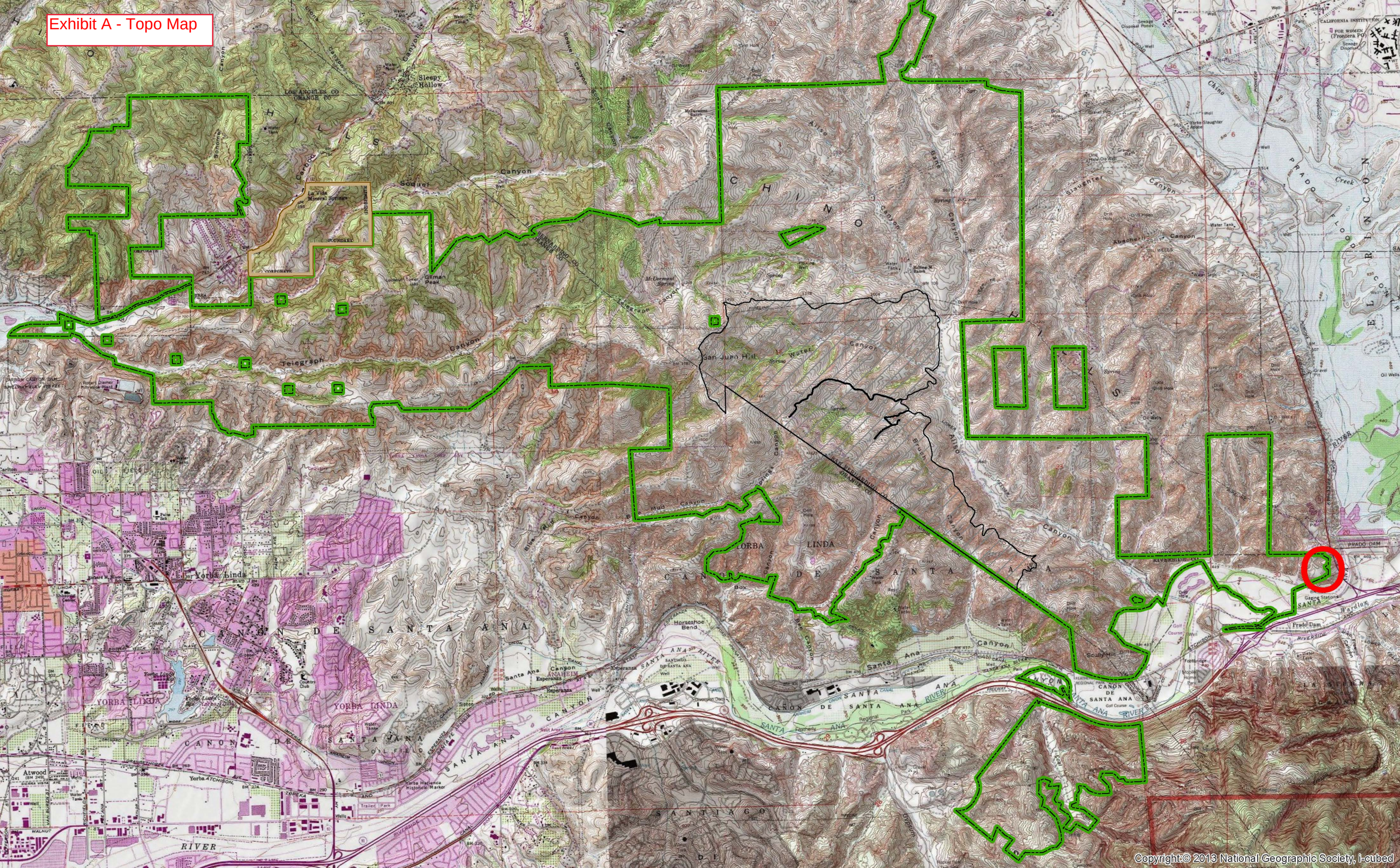
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8/12/2021

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Exhibit A - Topo Map



Caltrans 91-71 Improvements Project - Chino Hills SP Impacts

