



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Regional Fire Safe Project – Oak Glen and Wildwood Canyon		
PROJECT LOCATION	Oak Glen and Wildwood Canyon	COUNTY	San Bernardino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes to expand existing defensible space and hazard abatement treatments into the Wildland Urban Interface communities of Oak Glen and Wildwood Canyon. The proposed project would include the removal of vegetation, hazardous trees, debris, and other materials within 100 ft. of structures and other infrastructure. Treatments will be limited to the extent necessary to meet defensible space, hazard abatement, and fuel reduction objectives; the extent of treatment will be determined by local, state, and/or federal ordinances, insurance requirements, or as recommended by forestry or fire protection professionals. Removal will occur manually; cut material will be left in place, piled for firewood, chipped and spread back on site, and/or hauled away. Ground vegetation to be removed will primarily consist of shrubs, leaves, pine needles, weeds, and downed branches. All trees will be felled in the least ground-disturbing manner feasible. Pesticide application and removal of Gold Spotted Oak Borer infested oak trees may also occur under this project, as applicable and appropriate.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4, §15304
- ☐ 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

The project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Minor alterations to land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope, that will not significantly impact the aesthetic of the property, or biological and/or cultural resources, and that do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees for any purpose. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the CAL FIRE staff is kept on file at CAL FIRE's San Bernardino Unit Headquarters in San Bernardino, CA.

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