

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Conservation Corps
1719 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

(Address)

Project Title: Cojo Headquarters Fuel Reduction

Project Applicant: California Conservation Corps

Project Location - Specific:

Jack & Laura Dangermond Preserve; 34.461078, -120.444686

Project Location - City: Lompoc Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The focus of this fuel reduction effort is to remove downed/dead vegetation in areas closest to existing access roads and structures, where health and safety is at highest risk from fire. Removed vegetation will be hauled from the site via trucks with trailers to a staging area 1/2 mile away from the grove for processing. No live trees would be trimmed or cut.

This fuel reduction project will aid in protecting the community from catastrophic wildfires as well as protecting the overwintering site for the monarch butterfly. The monarch butterfly is a threatened species and there is a push to protect the overwintering sites to aid in rebuilding the population.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Conservation Corps

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Conservation Corps

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 - Minor Alterations to the Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

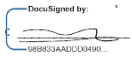
The fuel reduction is scheduled to occur between March 1 and May 1 to minimize the effects on overwintering monarch butterflies. The project sponsor has also added measures to the project description (including surveys by biological monitors) to minimize the impacts the project will have to existing natural resources. The project will not include the removal of mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jeffrey Schwarzchild Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-3133

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes No

Signature:  _____ Date: 2/3/2025 Title: Lead Counsel

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____