



**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: Wildfire Resilience Project- Wildwood Canyon State Park

LOCATION: Wildwood Canyon State Park

COUNTY: San Bernardino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The Project would involve implementation of manual, mechanical, and prescribed burning (pile and broadcast burning) vegetation management treatments to reintroduce beneficial fire to the landscape and strategically reduce fuels with the goals of moderating future wildfire severity on approximately 161 acres of the 840-acre Park and restoring native fire-adapted plant communities. Proposed treatments include prescribed fire, prescribed fire with manual or mechanical site preparation, infrastructure protection via manual removal of vegetation, and manual treatment with a track chipper and/or pile burning with a prescribed fire.

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 21080.56)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Minor Alterations to Land. Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has determined the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. This determination is supported by (1)CA State Parks September 3, 2025, initial determination as the lead agency, that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director's December 29, 2025, concurrence with that lead agency determination, which is available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences>

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