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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Promoting Equity and Diversity in Urban Forestry Workforce Development		
PROJECT LOCATION	City of San Bernardino and the Coachella Valley	**COUNTY**	San Bernardino & Riverside
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Youth will be engaged in professional arborist workforce development training module encompassing an urban forestry curriculum including best management practices including standards by the American National Standards Institute, International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Tree Care Industry Association, and Society of American Foresters. Training for tree care industry certificates, such as the ISA Certified Arborist, will be included. Social emotional employability development and other support services will be applied to increase developmental skills and competencies. 500 climate ready trees will be grown in nursery settings.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ 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

This 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. It has been concluded that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts will occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, 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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire risk. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Headquarters in Sacramento.

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