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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 Coalinga Urban Forest Management Plan

PROJECT LOCATION	City Of Coalinga	**COUNTY**	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project focuses primarily on planning efforts, including a citywide tree inventory and the development of an urban forest management plan. Additionally, the project includes a tree planting component, with 20 new trees to be installed on city-owned properties identified during the assessment phase. Prior to planting, the city will connect to existing irrigation infrastructure using minimally invasive trenching methods. Each tree will be irrigated with two water-efficient bubblers. Tree planting preparation will involve augering holes approximately three times the size of each 15-gallon container, following best practices for healthy tree establishment.

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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