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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: Green Paths Project

PROJECT LOCATION	Stockton	**COUNTY**	San Joaquin
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description

15-week urban forestry training and job readiness program, 100 fifteen-gallon trees will be planted across the City of Stockton's rights-of-way, including parks, tree wells, and park strips adjacent to residential areas. The program includes comprehensive classroom instruction covering topics such as tree management, workplace safety, arboriculture, GIS, public health, and air quality monitoring and modeling. Tree planting will follow best practices, with holes no deeper than 20 inches and no wider than twice the root ball. All sites will be utility-checked through 811 (One Call) prior to digging. Holes will primarily be dug by hand, with supplemental use of a two-man auger as needed. Planting may involve sod removal and, occasionally, breaking through buried stumps. Transportation for staff, participants, and equipment will be provided via company vehicles, including one diesel-engine truck.

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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