Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Forestry Division, 5823 Rickenbacker Rd., Room 123
Commerce, CA 90040
(Address)

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Dean C. Logan, Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk
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Project Title: Camp Josepho Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Boy Scouts of America, Western Los Angeles County Council

Project Location - Specific:
3000 Rustic Canyon Rd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Project Location - City: Pacific Palisades Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves removal or trimming of approximately 147 trees that have been identified by certified arborists as being dead, dying, diseased, fire-damaged, poorly structured, or otherwise posing a health and safety risk to the public. The project consists of performing hazardous fuel reduction at Camp Josepho to bring this area back into compliance with the City's brush clearance ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 57.322) for owners of property within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The extent of the proposed tree trimming and/or removal would be encompassed within the approximately 15-acre developed portion of the camp. The project does not include the installation of new and/or revised access roads or paths; establishment of new or additional use areas; or the construction of any structure, feature, or facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Boy Scouts of America, Western Los Angeles County Council

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: Class 1, Section 15301 and Class 4, Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 Categorical Exemption: Existing Facilities. The project involves the maintenance of existing facilities and negligible or no expansion of use beyond that which is existing. The project specifically falls under one of the nonexclusive examples cited under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(h): "Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs." The project entails routine vegetation maintenance within camp facilities, with the intent of meeting Los Angeles Fire Department brush clearance requirements for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Portions of the project are also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 Categorical Exemption: Minor Alterations to Land. A Class 4 Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. These actions include fuel management activities conducted in accordance with public fire agency determinations (Section 15304(i)).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Daniel Sanchez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 323-855-0084

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: 1/14/26 Title: Deputy Forester/Pre Fire Engineer

▪ 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: _____

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED
ON January 15 2026
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