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REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201
Norwalk, California 90650

From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Land Management Section
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: SGVCC Farm Pepper Tree Removal and Fuel Reduction Project

Project Location - Specific: Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area
15501 East Arrow Highway
Irwindale, CA 91706

Project Location - City: Irwindale

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC), in coordination with the California Local Conservation Corps Foundation (CLCCF), conducted training for 18 participants in chainsaw (S-212), pole saw, and weed wacker operations. The training was intended to prepare participants for the safe removal of invasive Peruvian pepper trees located west of the SGVCC Farm, adjacent to the fence line.

Certified instructors from the Working on Fire Training Academy, all of whom are former CAL FIRE firefighters, would oversee chainsaw operations. The proposed work would include removal of up to 20 California (Peruvian) pepper trees (*Schinus molle*; invasive, non-native), including 17 trees located adjacent to the west side of the fence and 3 trees located within the SGVCC Farm. Stump grinding would be completed at a later date by a licensed arborist and SGVCC crews.

In addition, SGVCC crews may conduct light thinning around the nature center to reduce hazardous fuels, improve defensible space, and provide hands-on training related to vegetation management.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15301
Class 1 (h)
- Categorical Section 15304
Class 4 (i)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 1 (j)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 4

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1(h) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

The project is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which provides for minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (i) for fuel management activities.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (j) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

The project is consistent with Class 4 which provides for minor public alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation.

The proposed use of Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Jui Ing Chien (Area Code) Telephone/Ext. (626) 588-5317

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

Chien, Jui Ing
Signature, Jui Ing Chien

01/22/2026
Date

Park Planner
Title

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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT Number: 19 — 01/22/2026 — 202601220480005
STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LAND MANAGEMENT SECTION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/22/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING LOS ANGELES	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026016198	

PROJECT TITLE
SGVCC FARM PEPPER TREE REMOVAL AND FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JUI ING CHIEN	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (626)588-5317
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 15501 EAST ARROW HIGHWAY	CITY IRWINDALE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91706

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ 0.00
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ 0.00
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ 0.00
- County documentary handling fee \$ 25.00
- Other \$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 25.00

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NORWALK DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER

Cashier: N. CORONA



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