

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(Address)

Project Title: Trees Make Life Better

Project Applicant: City of Berkeley

Project Location - Specific:  
Aquatic Park, 80 Bolivar Dr, Berkley, CA 94710; Berkeley Waterfront; and throughout the City of Berkeley in areas West of Shattuck Ave, and other urban areas within Berkeley.

Project Location – City: Berkeley Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Plant 1000 trees in City of Berkeley, focusing on open spaces in Aquatic Park and Berkeley Waterfront.  
a) West side of Aquatic Park and Berkeley Waterfront.  
• Plant 500 trees and shrubs throughout open spaces in the park.  
b) In open spaces, parks, medians, and street tree wells, plant up to 500 trees in West Berkeley

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Berkeley

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: 15301 (c)  
 Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
Tree planting and related construction in City of Berkeley parks and streets are exempt for these reasons:  
15301 (c) EXESTING FACILITIES Project involves light site modification and tree planting in existing City areas of existing parks. Repair, maintenance, minor alteration, and use of these facilities represent no expansion from an existing use. Project will offer many quantifiable environmental benefits.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Ron Benny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6359

**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: Bryan Cash Date: 2/12/2026 Title: Administration and Finance  
Assistant Secretary for

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code