

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
Forestry Division, 5823 Rickenbacker Road, Room 123  
Commerce, CA 900040

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

(Address)

Project Title: Annual Castaic Lake Spring Drills

Project Applicant: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Project Location - Specific:  
Castaic Lake State Recreation Area

Project Location - City: Castaic Project Location - County: Los Angeles

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Annual Castaic Lake Spring Training exercise prepares County of Los Angeles Fire Department personnel in all aspects of safe and effective use of fire suppression tactics in preparation for the upcoming fire season. This training will also support personnel in enroute and first-in company officer considerations and procedures, proper utilization of Wildland MTZ Communications Plans; tactical utilization of the Risk Management Process in the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG); reinforce communication practices between company officers and camp crew supervisors. This will include improving the skills necessary to operate both apparatus and handfield radios utilizing the current LAC TMAC radio plan; strengthen initial attack engagement practices and coordinated attack principles utilizing engine companies and hand crews; and provide California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) training and mentoring opportunities for Engine Boss, Crew Boss, and Apparatus Operator trainees. The total training area is 46.07 acres of State-owned land and Los Angeles County operated located at the Castaic Lake. Training exercises consist of firing small patches of land (10 acres and less) in increments of 30 minutes. Areas where this training will take place has been type converted to non-native grasses. Containment lines will be constructed using hand tools to remove surface vegetation. Engine Crews will conduct progressive hose lays. Fire apparatus will be operated from pre-existing roads/motorways and previously graded surfaces to pump water for the progressive hose lays. No heavy equipment will be operated off pre-existing roads/ motorways or on previously undisturbed soil surfaces.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

### 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 4 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits under Class 4 Categorical Exemption described in CCR 14 15304 pertaining to minor alterations to land. A limited environmental review conducted by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department staff foresters confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this training and determined that no significant impacts would occur. Documentation of the environmental review is on file at the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Natural Resource Section Vegetation Management Unit in Pacoima.

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: [Signature] Date: 5/15/26 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FILED**  
May 15 2026

Dean C. Logan, Registrar - Recorder/County Clerk

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Electronically signed by KASSANDRA MEDRANO

**THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED**

ON May 15 2026

UNTIL June 15 2026

**REGISTRAR - RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**



State of California—Department of Fish and Wildlife

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
CASH RECEIPT**

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

RECEIPT Number: 19 — 05/15/2026 — 202605151220008
STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FORESTRY DIVISION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/15/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING LOS ANGELES/CA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026107860	
PROJECT TITLE ANNUAL CASTAIC LAKE SPRING DRILLS		
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME DANIEL SANCHEZ	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (323)855-0084
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 5823 RICKENBACKER RD ROOM 123	CITY COMMERCE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 90004

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box):

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,227.50 | \$ _____ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$3,043.75 | \$ _____ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$1,437.25 | \$ _____ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee   |            |          |       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |          |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |          |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |          |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00   | \$ _____ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |            | \$ _____ | 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |            | \$ _____ | 0.00  |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 25.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <i>K m</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE KASSANDRA MEDRANO,
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