

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Southern California Ignition Reduction Program (SCIRP) I-8 Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Postmiles from R34.5/R51.0 along I-8 and within Cleveland National Forest

Project Location - City: unincorporated

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to conduct vegetation fuel reduction treatments, including vegetation management strip vegetation clearance, invasive flashy fuel removal, and vegetation thinning along Interstate 8 (I-8) and within Cleveland National Forest to reduce fire risks and promote native plant resilience. All work is within State Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- 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:
- Statutory Exemption. PRC 4799.05[d][1]

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of conducting vegetation fuel reduction undertaken on federal lands, provided they have already been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Specifically, this project involves vegetation fuel reduction treatments, including vegetation management strip vegetation clearance, invasive flashy fuel removal, and vegetation thinning along Interstate 8 and within Cleveland National Forest to reduce fire risks and promote native plant resilience.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

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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: *Emery McCaffery* Date: 5/28/2026 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 5/28/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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