Exempt from Filing Fees Per Gov. Code § 6103

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: (Public Agency)	Name: Address:	City of Laguna Niguel 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
☒	County Clerk County of: Orange Address: 601 N. Ross Street Santa Ana, CA 92701			

1. Project Title:	**Citywide Weed Abatement Program**
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):	**City of Laguna Niguel** **30111 Crown Valley Parkway** **Laguna Niguel, CA 92677** **949-362-4384**
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	**See attach maps of Opportunity Area/Weed Abatement Maps.**
4. (a) Project Location – **City of Laguna Niguel**	(b) Project Location – County: **Orange County**
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	**The Project consists of the City's annual weed abatement program within designated weed abatement areas throughout the City. The program is intended to reduce wildfire hazards and protect public health and safety through the removal and management of weeds and other combustible vegetation. The Project includes utilizing a variety of weed abatement techniques depending on soil types, topography, and land use, including mechanical methods, string trimming, mowing, and goat grazing. Additional touch-up weed abatement activities may be performed as necessary to remain in compliance with state law.**
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	City of Laguna Niguel
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	City of Laguna Niguel
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))

(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	**Sections 15301, Existing Facilities (Class 1) and 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4)**
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
9. Reason why project was exempt:	**The Project is categorically exempt under Class 1 because it consists of weed abatement maintenance activities that will not result in expansion of the existing use. The Project is additionally exempt under Class 4 because it consists of minor alterations to vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.** **No exceptions to the exemption apply under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. The Project is not located in an area where it may impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, will not result in significant cumulative impacts or significant effects due to unusual circumstances, will not damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway corridor, is not located on a hazardous waste site listed pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, and will not cause a substantial adverse change to a historical resource.**

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	**Kevin O'Connor** **949-362-4384**
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	

Date: June 9, 2026

Kevin X. O'Connor
Assistant to the City Manager

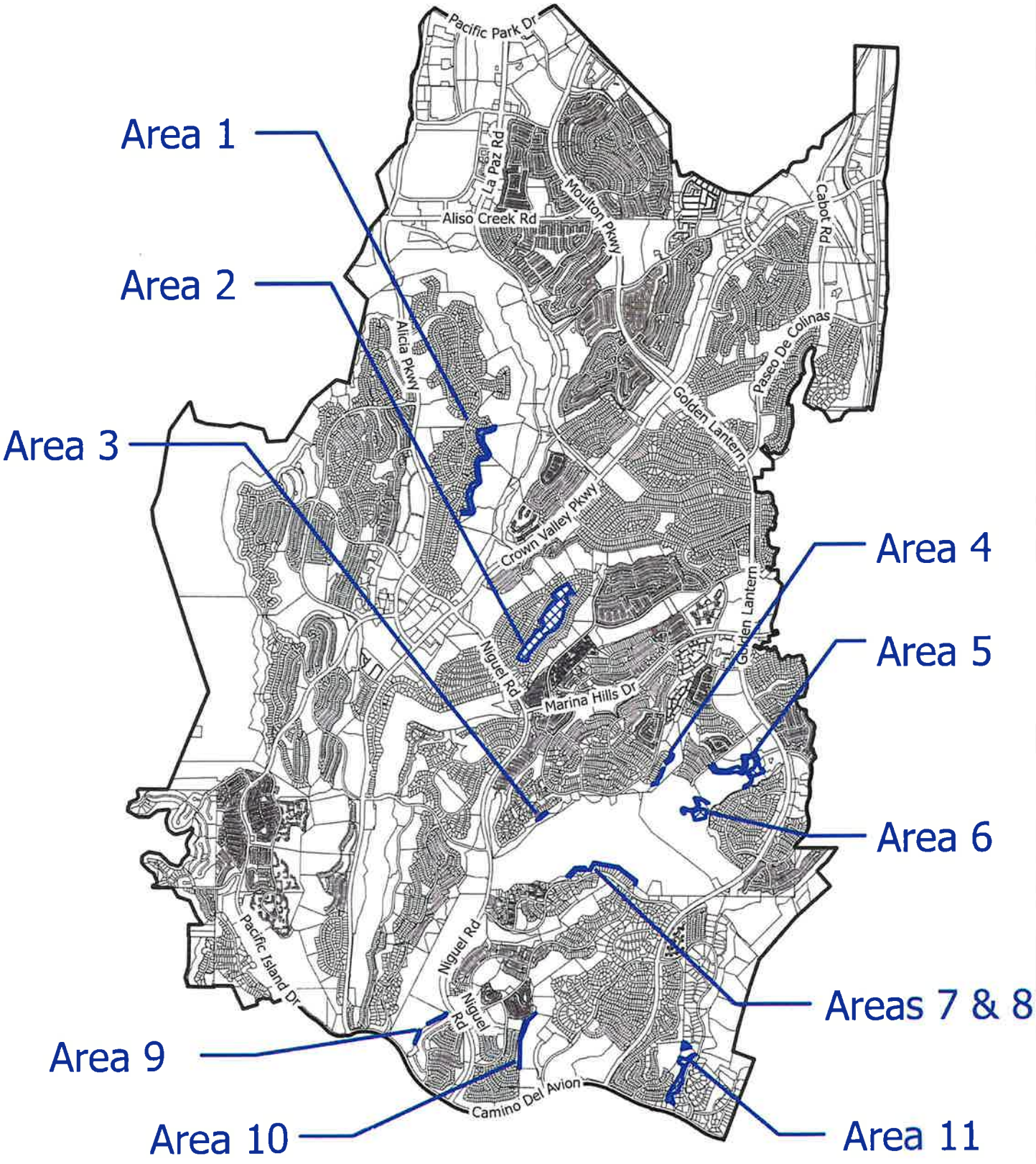
☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT
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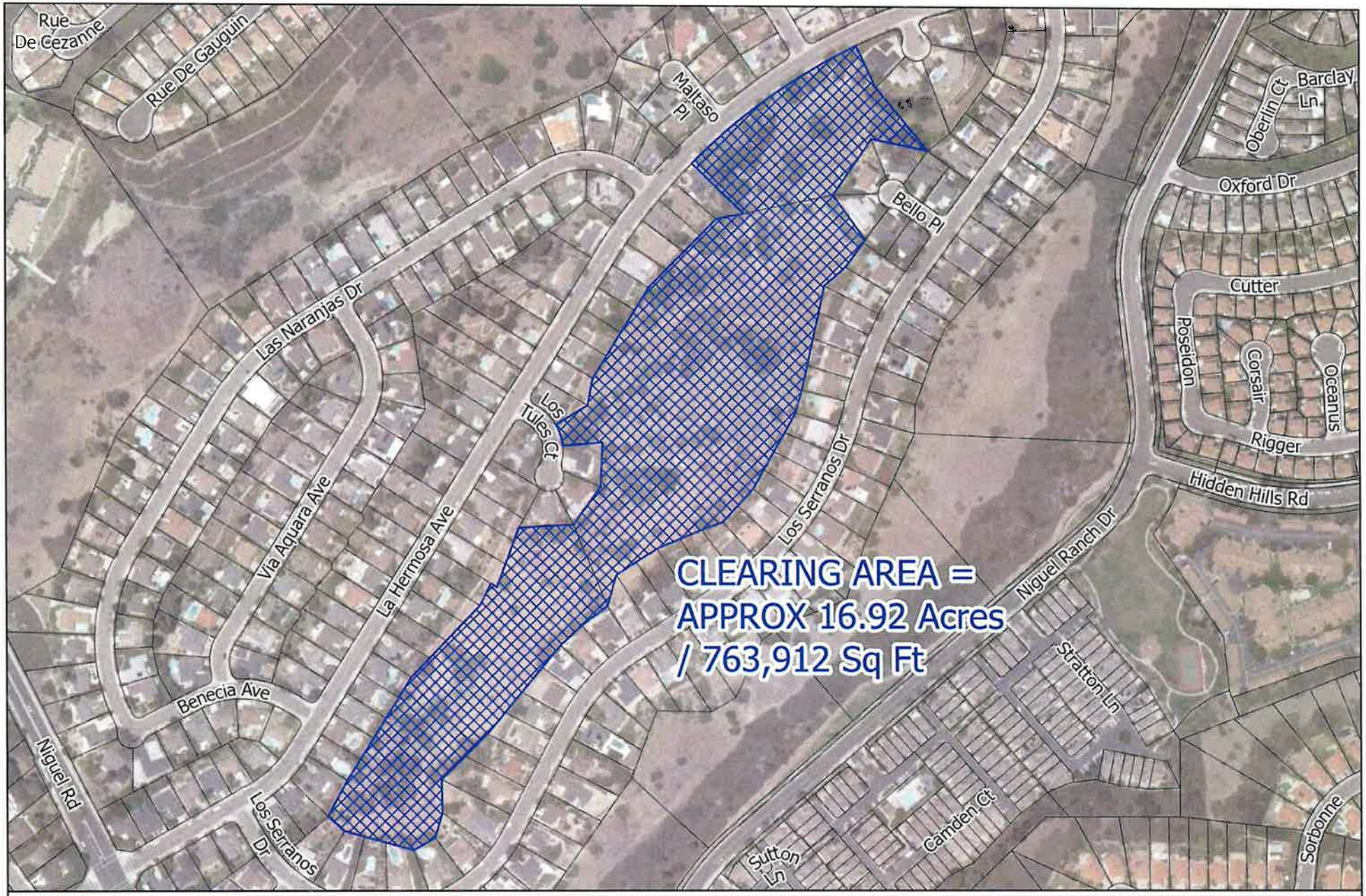
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City of Laguna Niguel

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CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT

AREA 2 - LA HERMOSA PARK

City of Laguna Niguel

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0 90 200 400 500

Feet



CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT

AREA 3 - PIENZA - 50' BAND

City of Laguna Niguel

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CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT

AREA 4 - DENIA - 30' (S) & 40' WIDE BAND

City of Laguna Niguel

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CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT

AREA 5 - GEORGE WHITE ELEMENTARY / REDONDO VIEW NODE PARK

City of Laguna Niguel

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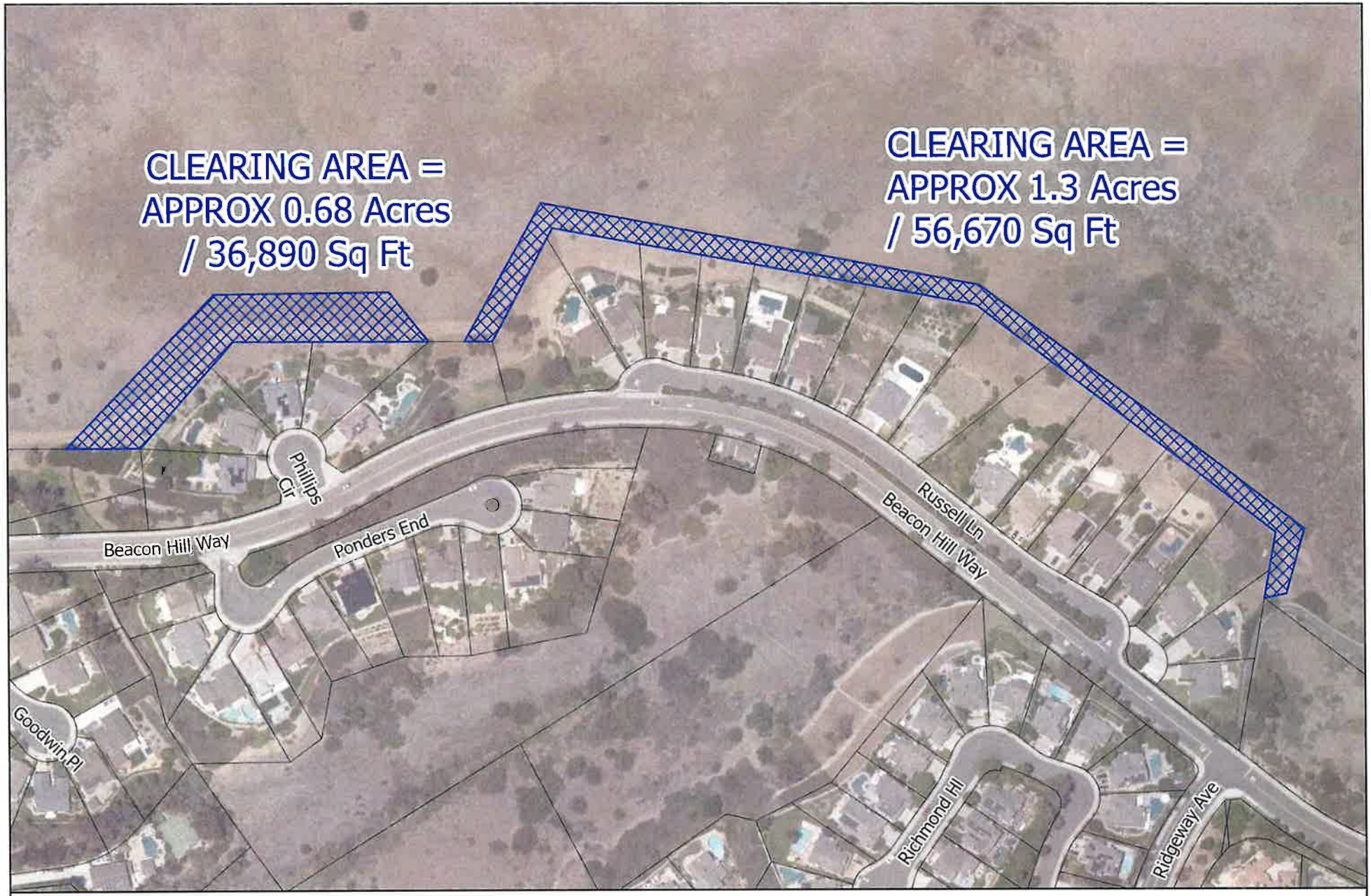
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City of Laguna Niguel

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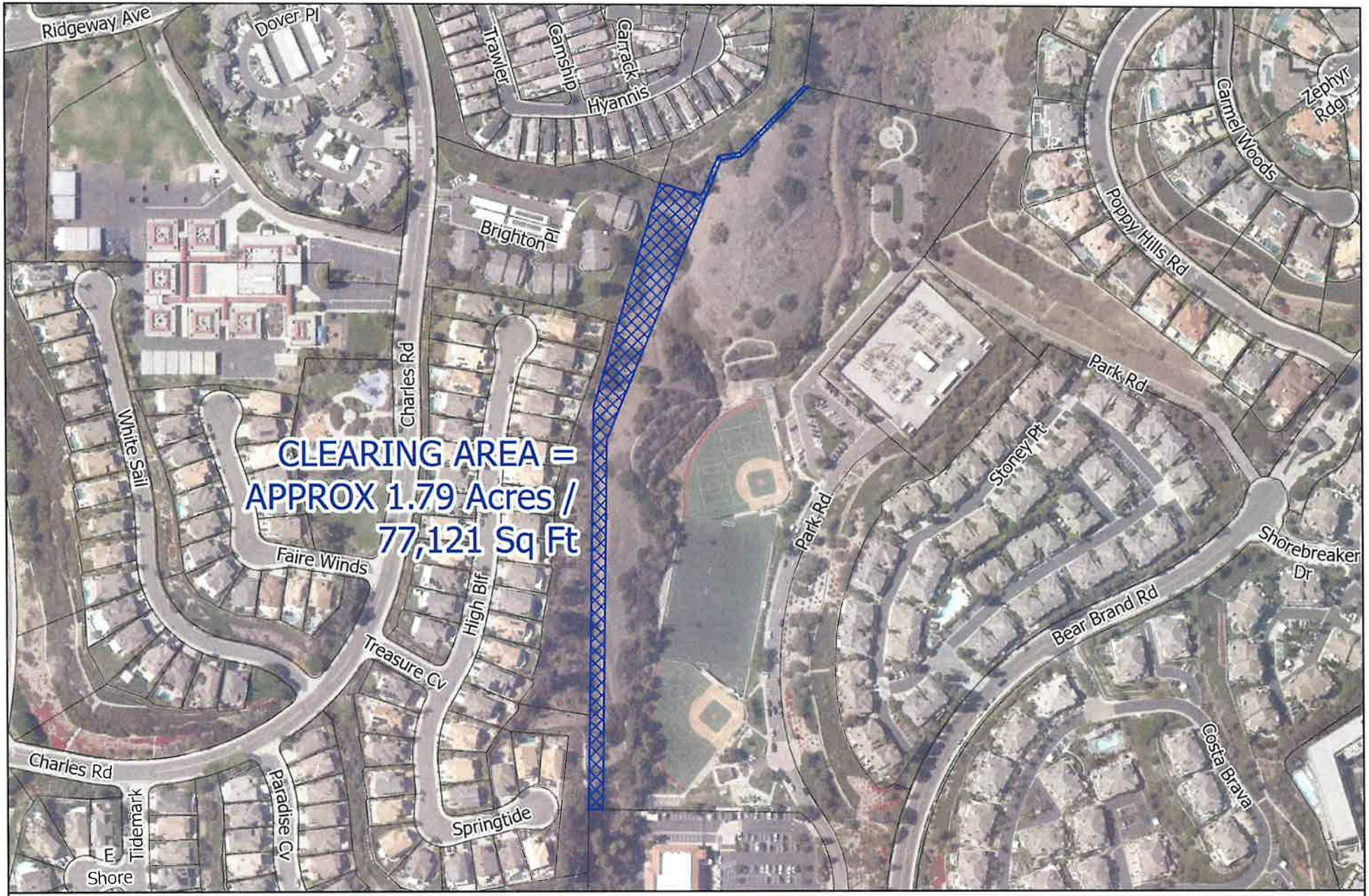
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CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT
AREA 7 - PHILLIPS CIRCLE
AREA 8 - RUSSELL LANE
City of Laguna Niguel

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AREA 10 - BEAR BRAND PARK

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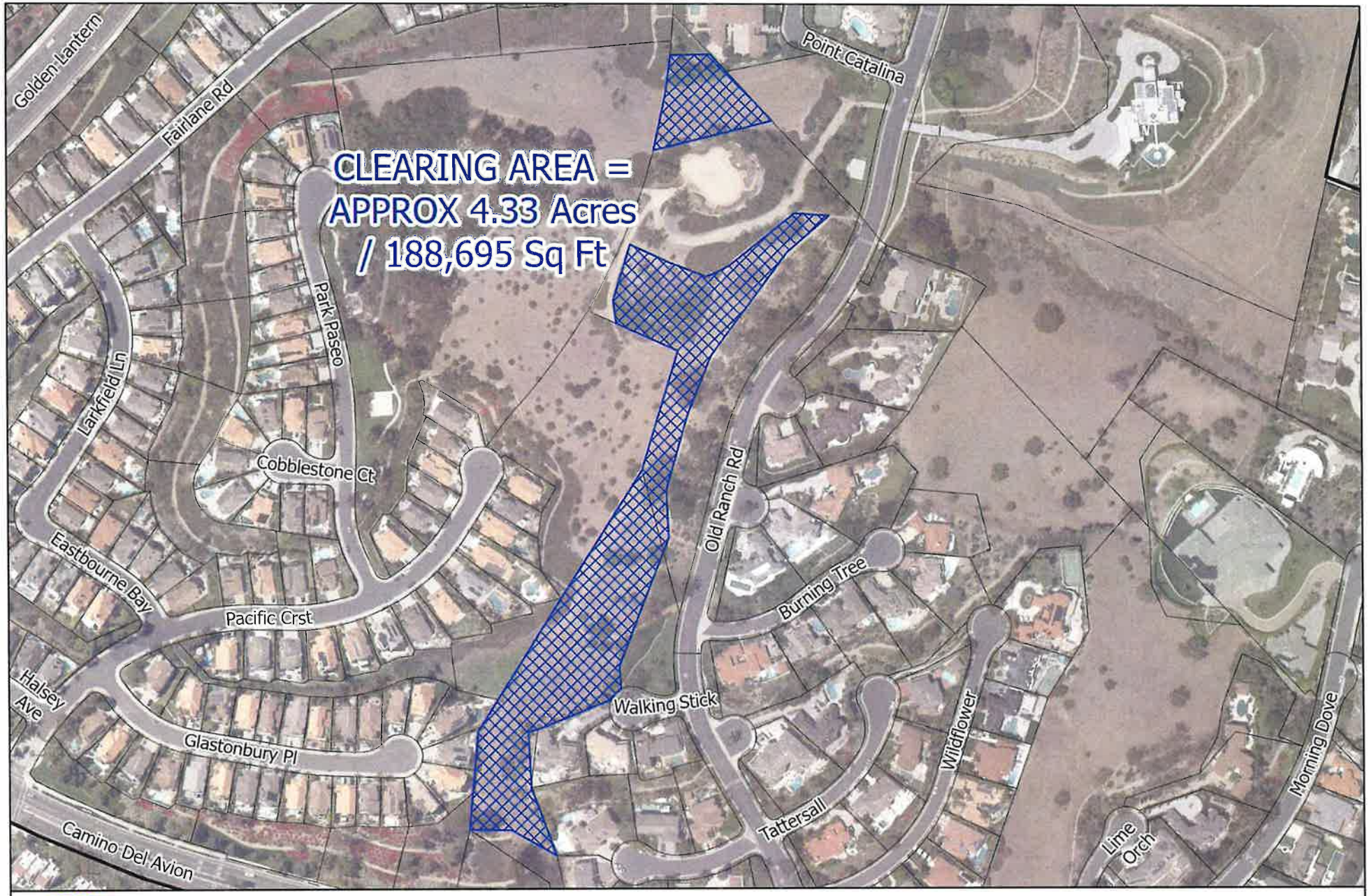
AREA 9 - CATAMARAN WAY - 30' WIDE BAND

City of Laguna Niguel

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CITYWIDE WEED ABATEMENT

AREA 11 - LONGVIEW PARK

City of Laguna Niguel

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SOURCE: City of Laguna Niguel

FIGURE 7

Weed Abatement Opportunity Area "A"

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