

CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, County of Orange

From: County of Orange
OC Public Works, Development Services/Planning

Public Project Number (PP): PP-26-0083

Project Title: OC Conservation Corps / OC Parks Open Space Brush Clearing and Fire-Fuel Reduction

Project Location(s): Anaheim Hills Trail, Anaheim, and Talega Trail, San Clemente, Orange County, CA

Project Description: The OC Conservation Corps in cooperation with the OC Parks proposes to thin, clear and remove dense vegetation undergrowth including the removal of invasive species and dead or diseased trees along the Anaheim Hills Trail in Anaheim, and the Talega Trail in San Clemente in Orange County, CA. The clearing activities will be completed with weed whips with metal blades, chainsaws, pole saws, and hand tools. The purpose of the clearing activities is to provide defensible space on and along the trails to allow for safer emergency ingress and egress for crews and equipment during wildfires and other emergencies. The activities will take place from Fall 2026 through Winter 2029.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OC Parks

Name of County Agency Carrying-Out Project: OC Parks

Address of County Agency: 13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Guidelines Section No. 15268)
- ☐ Emergency Project (Guidelines Section No. 15269)
- ☐ Common Sense (Guidelines Section No. 15061(b)(3))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: State Code number:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Section 15304 – Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Other Exemption:

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The exemption provides for the minor public alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that includes fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation. The minor alteration activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or significant erosion and sediment of surface waters, and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Date of Decision: 6/9/26

CEQA Contact Person: Virginia Gomez, Senior Planner

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Project Manager Signature: 

Name: Brian Beach

Title: Admin Manager

Fish & Game Fees: Pursuant to Section 711.4 (c) (2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA.

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