

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 Conservation Corps
1719 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

(Address)

Project Title: Tree Planting Project at Mason, Mile Square, and Irvine Regional Parks

Project Applicant: Orange County Conservation Corps

Project Location - Specific:

Mason Regional Park, Mile Square Regional Park, and Irvine Regional Park, Orange County, CA

Project Location - City: Irvine, Fountain Valley, & Orange Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will allow the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) crew to plant, stake, tie, and maintain several hundred 15-gallon trees at Mason Regional Park, Mile Square Regional Park and Irvine Regional Park under the supervision of OC Parks staff. To preserve the trees' long-term health and viability, OCCC staff will water and monitor the trees after installation. If tree death occurs within a few months of planting, OCCC will replace the dead trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OC Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OC Parks

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: Section 15301 Existing Facilities, 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The exemptions provide for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing use (Class 1), and the minor public alterations in the condition of land or vegetation and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, which results in the improvement of habitat for wildlife resources.

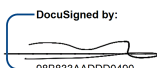
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jeffrey Schwarzschild Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-3133

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:  Date: 6/18/2026 Title: Lead Counsel

▪ 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: 6/18/2026



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-25-0217

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Project Location(s): Mason Regional Park, Mile Square Regional Park, Irvine Regional Park, Orange County, CA

Project Description: The proposed project will allow the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) crew to plant, stake, tie, and maintain several hundred 15-gallon trees at Mason Regional Park, Mile Square Regional Park and Irvine Regional Park under the supervision of OC Parks staff. To preserve the trees' long-term health and viability, OCCC staff will water and monitor the trees after installation. If tree death occurs within a few months of planting, OCCC will replace the dead trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OC Parks

Name of County Agency Carrying-Out Project: OC Parks

Address of County Agency: 13042 Old Myford Rd, 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 15301 – Class 1 Existing Facilities, 15304 – Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Other Exemption:

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The exemptions provide for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing use (Class 1), and the minor public alterations in the condition of land or vegetation and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, which results in the improvement of habitat for wildlife resources.

Date of Decision:

CEQA Contact Person: Virginia Gomez, Senior Planner Phone: 714-667-1614

Project Manager Signature: Jon Curry

Name: Jon Curry

Title: Environmental Compliance Administrator

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. Filing Fee is exempt per Government Code Section 6103.

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