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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

GOAT GRAZING AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Check Document being Filed:

- ○ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ○ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ◉ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ○ Other (Please fill in type):

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Print Form

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: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): City of South Pasadena

(Address)

Project Title: GOAT GRAZING AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Project Applicant: South Pasadena Fire Department

Project Location - Specific:

35 acres in Monterey Hills (see attached map for project boundaries)

Project Location - City: South Pasadena Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of targeted fuel management activities on a total of 35 acres within 100 feet of existing legal residential structures located in High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones on City-owned or City-controlled property. Project activities aim to prevent and mitigate a wildfire emergency through a combination of targeted goat grazing and, where appropriate, limited hand or mechanical vegetation management methods on flammable invasive species, such as dry grasses and brush, which serve as primary fuel for wildfires. By clearing these fuels and creating more open, less dense vegetation, the activities establish natural firebreaks that slow the spread of flames and reduce the intensity of potential fires. This is particularly beneficial in wildland-urban interface areas, as it helps to create defensible space around homes and structures, providing a critical buffer that protects properties and increases the likelihood of successful firefighting efforts during a wildfire event. The site will be monitored and managed by professional staff and the City retains authority to modify or halt activities if site conditions warrant. The grazing activities are planned as a short-term pilot program lasting approximately one month.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of South Pasadena

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Pasadena 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 1 (Sec. 15301); Class 4 (Sec. 15304)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sec. 21080.49(c) and (d)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to statutory exemption 21080.49(c) and (d). Under this exemption, the legislature has specifically determined that CEQA does not apply to projects that establish defensible space for wildfire risk reduction within 200 feet of a legal structure located in a high or very high wildfire zone or for a fuel break extending up to 200 feet from structures, including the clearance of flammable vegetation and trees less than 12 inches in diameter as measured at chest height. The proposed project would remove hazardous accumulated ground and ladder fuels within up to 200 feet of homes to create a defensible space and a fuel break located within 200 feet of residences. The project is also statutorily exempt from CEQA as the Legislature has specifically determined that CEQA does not apply to any actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. Vegetation management is a critical tool to help firefighting agencies prevent and mitigate wildfire emergencies. The project is categorically exempt as a Class 1 exemption as it is comprised of maintenance of topographical features, including but not limited to the maintenance of existing native growth in order to prevent or mitigate wildfires. The project is also categorically exempt as a Class 4 exemption as it involves fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, which are minor alterations in the condition of vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. These activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters as no sensitive species have been documented within the project boundaries, exclusion areas will be fenced for areas susceptible to erosion, and the Fire Department has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Greg Lloyd Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-403-7306

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: 6/18/26 Title: Senior Planner

▪ 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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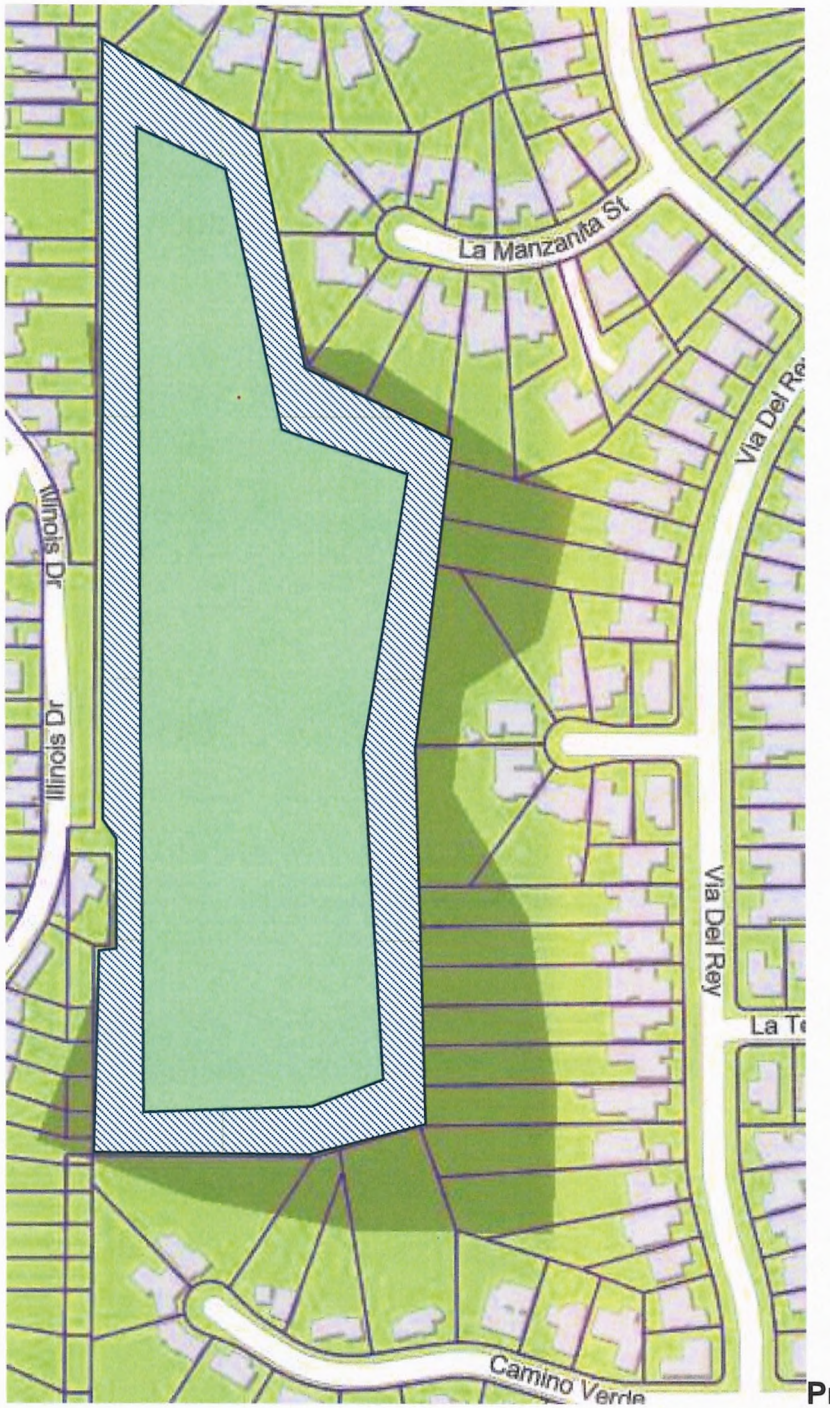

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