

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Attn: CEQA Postings
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FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Kiran Seibel
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San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Kumeyaay Valley County Park Riparian Enhancement Project

Project Location: Portions of APNs 392-050-47 and 392-060-43 in the unincorporated community of Lakeside in eastern San Diego County

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600

Project Description: The proposed project will include removal and control of invasive, non-native plant species and the reestablishment or restoration of native plant species and communities.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego Date Form Completed: 6/22/2026

County Contact Person: Emily Pacholski Telephone: (619) 539-4294

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above-described project on **6/22/2026** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15304
- ☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- ☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15304, because the project involves minor alterations in the condition of vegetation, resulting in the restoration and enhancement of native habitats. The project will involve minor earthwork to plant native vegetation and install protective signage and fencing as needed. Treatment activities will not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project is located in a wildlife management area and removal of invasive, non-native species will result in improvement of habitat for wildlife resources. This project would improve a local wildlife corridor for both listed and non-listed species and would improve habitat for sensitive species. Furthermore, the project will improve hydrological conditions and groundwater recharge through the removal of invasive vegetation. The project will also formalize existing trails on the property to allow for continued public access and regional trail connections. The project is designed to conserve and restore native wildlife habitat. The proposed activities are consistent with habitat restoration actions intended to enhance ecosystem function, biodiversity, and species recovery, while providing long-term net benefits to climate resilience and sensitive species. In addition, the project includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment. DPR will continue to perform comprehensive long-term management in perpetuity.

Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project is being designed to avoid impacts to sensitive vegetation and species; if impacts are required to achieve the goals of the project, appropriate permits will be obtained by state or federal agencies.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Kiran Seibel Digitally signed by Kiran Seibel
Date: 2026.06.24 07:52:34 -07'00' Telephone: (619) 209-9922

Name (Print): Kiran Seibel Title: Group Program Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.