



BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

O&M Roadway and Right-of-way Mowing and Maintenance

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Project Description

The project consists of routine roadway and right-of-way maintenance activities conducted by the Bear Valley Community Services District within Bear Valley Springs, Kern County. Activities include vegetation management, mowing, trimming, and removal of hazardous or dead vegetation along roadways and access routes to maintain defensible space and reduce wildfire risk.

Work will occur within existing disturbed rights-of-way and will not involve expansion of roadways or new ground disturbance beyond minor surface impacts associated with maintenance activities. Treatment areas generally extend approximately 10 to 45 feet from the edge of pavement, depending on right-of-way width and site conditions.

The project may include removal of dead, dying, or hazardous trees that pose a safety risk to the public or infrastructure. No more than approximately 200 acres will be treated annually. The project is intended to improve public safety and reduce wildfire risk within the community.

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Location

Counties

Kern

Regions

Bear Valley Springs

Notice of Exemption

Exempt Status

Categorical Exemption

Type, Section or Code

Section 15301(a) Existing Facilities and Section 15304(i) Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons for Exemption

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to:

Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities):

The project involves the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities, including roadways and associated rights-of-way, with no expansion of existing use.

Section 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land):

The project includes minor alterations to land, including vegetation management and fuel reduction activities that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for safety purposes.

These activities are consistent with routine maintenance and wildfire risk reduction efforts and will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Exceptions to Exemptions:

The project does not trigger any of the exceptions to categorical exemptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Specifically:

- The project will not result in significant cumulative impacts.
- There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a significant environmental effect.
- The project will not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway.
- The project is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.
- The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

County Clerk:

Kern County