Notice of Exemption

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From: Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures
12300 Lower Azusa Ave
Arcadia, CA 91006

Project Title: Ailanthus Control on the East Edge of Arroyo Seco

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures and Los Angeles County Weed Management Area

Project Location - Specific:

At Pasadena City limit on steep slope between Gabrieleno Trail and west end of Mariposa Street in Altadena.

Project Location - City: Altadena Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A small grove of invasive Ailanthus altissima will be chemically destroyed adjacent to a popular hiking trail. The grove is not near natural water or sensitive species and has not previously undergone control work. The eradication of this state-recognized noxious weed will benefit the native plant community and the public visiting the area. Without proper control, this grove will continue to expand indefinitely. The area will be monitored continuously for several years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riparian Repairs

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: 15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it will improve habitat suitability for native plant species and does not directly disturb five acres or more of land. There will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that will be disturbed or removed. Also, the project will not result in significant impacts in connection with past projects, current projects, or probable future projects in the same location.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Geoff Burch Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (562) 215-8054

Signature: Geoff Burch Digitally signed by Geoff Burch Date: 2026.08.20 14:25:54 -07'00' Date: August 20, 2026 Title: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

- 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.

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