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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: Riverside

From: (Public Agency): Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District
4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
(Address)

Project Title: PK-FEMA5636 Hidden Valley Wildlife Area Bain Fire Remediation and Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Project Location - Specific:
Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, 11401 Arlington Avenue, Riverside CA

Project Location - City: Riverside Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
On May 19, 2026, active and rapid spread of the Bain Fire incident impacted the Facility. On that same day a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to the Bain Fire that burned in excess of 1,400 acres. It was subsequently determined that areas of the Facility remain highly dangerous due to severe ecological and structural post-fire damage. This project includes restoration of trails, hillsides, staging areas, parking lots, and nature center.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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:
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project strictly seeks to repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of the Bain Fire. This includes signage, hillsides, fencing, minor trail repair, demolish damaged structures/facilities. Long term replacement of shade structures, trail, and bridges will have an independent CEQA analysis.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gaby Adame-Algrim Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-955-1395

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: 9/9/2026 Title: Bureau Chief

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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