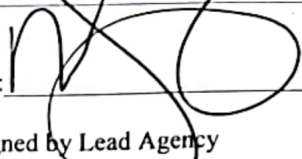


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (Public Agency) 25864-K Business Center Drive Suite K Redlands, CA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of Riverside 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	

1. Project Title:	Louis Rubidoux Parkland and Pecan Grove Tree Maintenance
2. Project Applicant:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	5370 Riverview Drive, Riverside, CA 92509
4. (a) Project Location – City:	Riverside
(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	IERCD will be contracting a local arborist to perform maintenance and removal of trees located at the Louis Rubidoux Parkland and Pecan Grove. The project will focus on removing trees that are dead or in poor health condition due to a variety of reasons including the 2019 46 Fire that damaged a significant portion of the property. Additional work will include tree maintenance by removing deadwood and hanging branches. The trees have already been surveyed to determine their health condition, and only the trees identified as dead or in poor health condition will be removed. Furthermore, this work will be conducted outside of the nesting season.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 4 – State CEQA Guidelines, §15304 Minor Alteration to Land
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	

(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15304, which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The proposed maintenance and removal of trees are minor alterations in the condition of vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy trees, as the District will be removing trees that have been surveyed and identified as being dead or in poor health condition. Accordingly, the maintenance and removal of trees falls within the Class 4 exemption.</p> <p>None of the exceptions under State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply here. Notably, there will be little to no cumulative impacts for this project. Further, for this project, initial biological assessments will be conducted to ensure that living trees and sensitive species will not be damaged. The project will not result in any significant impacts on the environment because it is not located in a particularly sensitive environment nor are there any unusual circumstances. The project will not result in damage to any scenic resources within a state scenic highway, and the project is not located on a hazardous waste site or any other site included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.</p>
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Mandy Parkes, District Manager
Telephone:	(909) 283-7779
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: April 11 th , 2024	

Signature:  Date: 4-11-24 Title: District Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.