

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of: San Bernardino
FROM: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District	Address 25864-K Business Center Drive Redlands, CA 92374

1. Project Title:	San Bernardino Mountain Communities Goldspotted Oak Borer Removals
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):	Properties in Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Yucaipa, Wrightwood, and Big Bear
4. (a) Project Location – City: Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Yucaipa, Wrightwood, and Big Bear	(b) Project Location – County: San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>Goldspotted Oak Borer is an invasive pest to Southern California that has been decimating oak populations in many communities. The pest has been detected in Oak Glen, Yucaipa, Forest Falls, Wrightwood, and Big Bear where surveys have been performed and several infested trees have been identified.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to remove infested oak trees in the communities of Oak Glen, Yucaipa, Forest Falls, Wrightwood, and Big Bear to prevent larvae living within the infested oak trees from flying during spring/summer and potentially infesting additional oak trees. Trees will be fully removed and bark will be removed and chipped to a 3" minus standard. The remaining, debarked, wood will be left on site if the landowner would like to utilize the wood.</p> <p>All trees will be surveyed by a biologist prior to removal to ensure that no nests are observed. If any nest is found, work will halt and tree removal will occur only once the biologist had confirmed that the birds have fledged the nest.</p>
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:	<p>CAL FIRE fuels crews and private contractors will perform the removals with funds from Inland Empire Resource Conservation District's state grant through the Department of Conservation or other State funding through partner programs.</p>
8. Exempt status: (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project. <input type="checkbox"/> (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines §

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

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Date Received for Filing: _____
 Signature: _____
 Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant
 Date: 11-9-23 Title: District Manager

13.	Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, the date of the public hearing was: November 9 th 2023
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.	
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person: Mandy Parkes, District Manager	Telephone: (909) 283-7779
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	
(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	State type and section number: • 15304 – Minor Alteration to Land. • 15308 – Action By Agencies for Protection of the Environment
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	State Code section number:
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
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