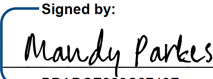


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	FROM: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (Public Agency)
☐ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	
☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of: San Bernardino	Address 25864-K Business Center Drive Redlands, CA 92374

1. Project Title:	Mill Creek Spanish Broom 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):	Highway 38 Post Mile R11.302 – 20.326
4. (a) Project Location – City: SR-38	(b) Project Location County: San Bernardino
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The National Forest Foundation has awarded the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) funding to perform invasive species control for Spanish broom (<i>Spartium junceum</i>) in the Mill Creek watershed. This invasive plant can be found alongside Highway 38 and in several water tributaries that pass through the highway and lead into the perennial flow of Mill Creek. Spanish broom grows in monospecific stands right below Highway 38 and on the benches of Mill Creek where it outcompetes native plants and presents potential fire-related risks. For this project, IERCD will perform manual and chemical removals of Spanish broom plants through regular monitoring and management. Treated populations will be surveyed, mapped, and monitored for re-growth. The removal of the invasive species will benefit native species and local wildlife and it will prevent the spread of invasive species into other parts of the watershed.
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 and National Forest Foundation
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	
(c) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(d) ☒	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Minor Alterations to Land (State CEQA Guidelines §15304) & Protection of Natural Resources (State CEQA Guidelines §15307)
(e) ☐	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) ☐	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	The basis for IERCD's determination that the project is exempt is detailed below: Minor Alterations to Land (State CEQA Guidelines, §15304 – Class 4): This Project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, section 15304, which applies to minor public or private alterations to the condition of land, water, or vegetation. The Project will remove Spanish broom and prevent further spread of this invasive plant without removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The Project will transpire without ground disturbance and without negative external impacts to the natural environment. Protection of Natural Resources (State CEQA Guidelines, §15304 – Class 7): The Project is also exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, section 15307, which applies to actions to restore or enhance a natural resource, such as wildlife preservation. The Project will provide benefits to native plants and wildlife that occur naturally in this area. This Project will help prevent further degradation from invasive species. 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. 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.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Mandy Parkes
	Telephone:	(909) 799 – 7407
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form “A”) before filing.	
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☒ No ☐	
13.	Was a public meeting held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public meeting was: <u>August 13th, 2026</u>	

Signed by:  Date: 8/13/2026 Title: District Manager

Signature: BDADCE328C8743F...

☒ 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.

