

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Deane Dana Friendship Park Trail Signage

Project Location - Specific: Deane Dana Friendship Natural Area
1805 W 9th Street, San Pedro, CA 90056

Project Location - City: San Pedro

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Deane Dana Friendship Park Trail Signage Project proposes the development of approximately 2.5 miles of trail, including installation of wayfinding signage, trail rehabilitation, habitat restoration, and related improvements at the Deane Dana Friendship Natural Area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15301
Class 1 (d) (h)
- Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)
- Categorical Section 15304
Class 4 (a)

- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 1 (c) (j)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 4 (c)

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The trail rehabilitation, habitat restoration, and related improvements at the Deane Dana Friendship Natural Area are consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, which provides for repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (d) for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety and (h) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

The installation of wayfinding signage is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for small new structures.

The development of approximately 2.5 miles of trail is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which provides for minor alteration to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (a) for grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The trail rehabilitation, habitat restoration, and related improvements at the Deane Dana Friendship Natural Area are consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (c) for restoration or repair of buildings, structures, equipment, and appurtenances required because of accumulated maintenance not performed, and (j) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

The installation of wayfinding signage is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The development of approximately 2.5 miles of trail is consistent with Class 4 which provides for minor alterations to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (a) for grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent.

The proposed use of Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

