

Notice of Exemption

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From: Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/
Weights and Measures
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Project Title: Early Intervention for Invasive Ailanthus altissima in Angeles National Forest Watersheds

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures and Los Angeles County Weed Management Area

Project Location - Specific:

Texas Canyon within Angeles National Forest; site center N34° 30.64', W118° 25.06'

Project Location - City: Agua Dulce Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Integrative pest management protocols will be used to control a small grove of invasive Ailanthus altissima within the Texas Canyon watershed that feeds into the upper Santa Clara River. The grove is not near natural water or sensitive species and has not previously undergone control work. The eradication of this state-recognized noxious weed will allow the habitat to recover and preserve the native plant community and natural watershed. Without proper control, this grove will continue to expand indefinitely. The area will be monitored continuously upon completion of the eradication efforts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Agriculture Access

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: 15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it will improve habitat suitability for native plant species, restore the watershed, and does not directly disturb five acres or more of land. There will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that will be disturbed or removed. Also, the project will not result in significant impacts in connection with past projects, current projects, or probable future projects in the same location.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Geoff Burch Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (562) 215-8054

Signature: Geoff Burch Digitally signed by Geoff Burch
Date: 2026.09.08 13:22:12 -07'00' Date: August 19, 2026 Title: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant