

Notice of CEQA Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
 San Diego Region
 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
 San Diego, CA 92108

Project Title: 4154 Cartagena Drive Palm Replacement Project

Project Applicant: City of San Diego, Transportation & Storm Water Division

Project Location – Specific: Latitude 32.752503, Longitude -117.062261

Project Location – City: San Diego

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description or Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the removal of several invasive palm trees, along with a small amount of understory vegetation and sediment, from a concrete-lined channel in Upper Chollas Creek. The vegetation is being removed to prevent it from dislodging, clogging a double culvert immediately downstream, and causing flooding to adjacent commercial and residential properties. The proposed work area is small (0.001 acres) and within a heavily urbanized, concrete-lined channel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Diego

Exempt Status:

- 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: Class 1, Sections 15301 and 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code and number:


Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) allows for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Responsible Agency Contact Person: Jill Harris

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-521-8050

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 9 April 2019 Title: Executive Officer
 David W. Gibson

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

APR 15 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE