

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder County Clerk

From: (Public Agency):
Resource Conservation District of
Greater San Diego County
11769 Waterhill Rd
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1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
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Project Title: San Diego River Healthy Headwaters: SDRPF Outreach, Education and Invasive Weed Treatment 2

Project Applicant: The San Diego River Park Foundation, 4891 Pacific Highway, Suite 114, San Diego, CA 92110 (Phone: 619-297-7380)

Project Location-Specific: The El Capitan Reservoir catchment or, the Upper San Diego River Watershed is in the eastern central portion of San Diego County, bounded by the communities of Ramona and Lakeside to the west, Julian and Santa Ysabel to the north, and Descanso and Alpine to the south. Invasive removal will occur on San Diego River Park Foundation owned lands within the catchment.

Project Location-City: Unincorporated communities **Project Location-County:** San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the project is to enhance and protect the Upper San Diego River through education, mapping and targeted removal of less than one acre of the invasive non-native plants *Tamarisk ramossisima*, *Washintonia robusta*, non-native broom species, and *Arundo donax*. Removing the small stands that together comprise less than one acre in size enhances the quality of habitat by reducing fire risk, increasing water availability to native species, providing better quality habitat to native species for nesting, cover and foraging, and reduces the risk of further spread within the catchment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The San Diego River Park Foundation

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Project

Reasons why project is exempt: This project consists of the removal of less than one acre of invasive non-native plants *Tamarisk ramossisima*, *Washintonia robusta*, non-native broom species, and *Arundo donax*. Removal enhances and protects habitat for wildlife and plants and the project will be principally carried out with hand labor and not mechanized equipment. Consistent with CEQA Title 14, Chapter 3 Article 19 Section 15333

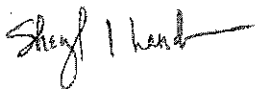
Lead Agency Contact Person: Sheryl Landrum, Executive Director, Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County

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Executive Director Date: December 19, 2019

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PROJECT TITLE SAN DIEGO RIVER HEALTHY HEADWATERS: SDRPF OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND INVASIVE WEED TREATMENT 2		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL --	PHONE NUMBER 619.297.7380
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 4891 PACIFIC HIGHWAY SUITE 114	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92110

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

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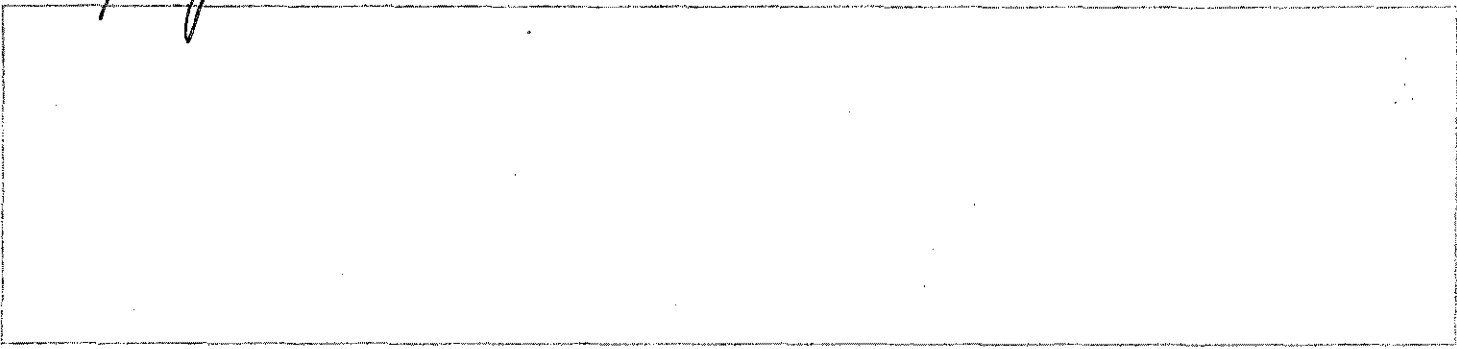
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San Diego River Healthy Headwaters: SDRPF Invasive Weed Treatment 2

Project Overview: The Upper San Diego River Watershed encompasses the source waters or catchment for the City of San Diego's El Capitan Reservoir. The catchment lands that drain into the reservoir are relatively healthy, but they are under threat of degradation from natural and human-caused sources, including invasive non-native plant species. The project objective is to enhance and protect natural resources in the El Capitan Reservoir catchment through public education, invasive non-native plant removal, and invasive non-native plant mapping. Less than one acre of target invasive non-native plants exist on the preserves of the San Diego River Park Foundation (SDRPF) within the catchment; these non-natives will be targeted for removal.

The project is largely funded through the State of California's Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Supply, Flood Control, River, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

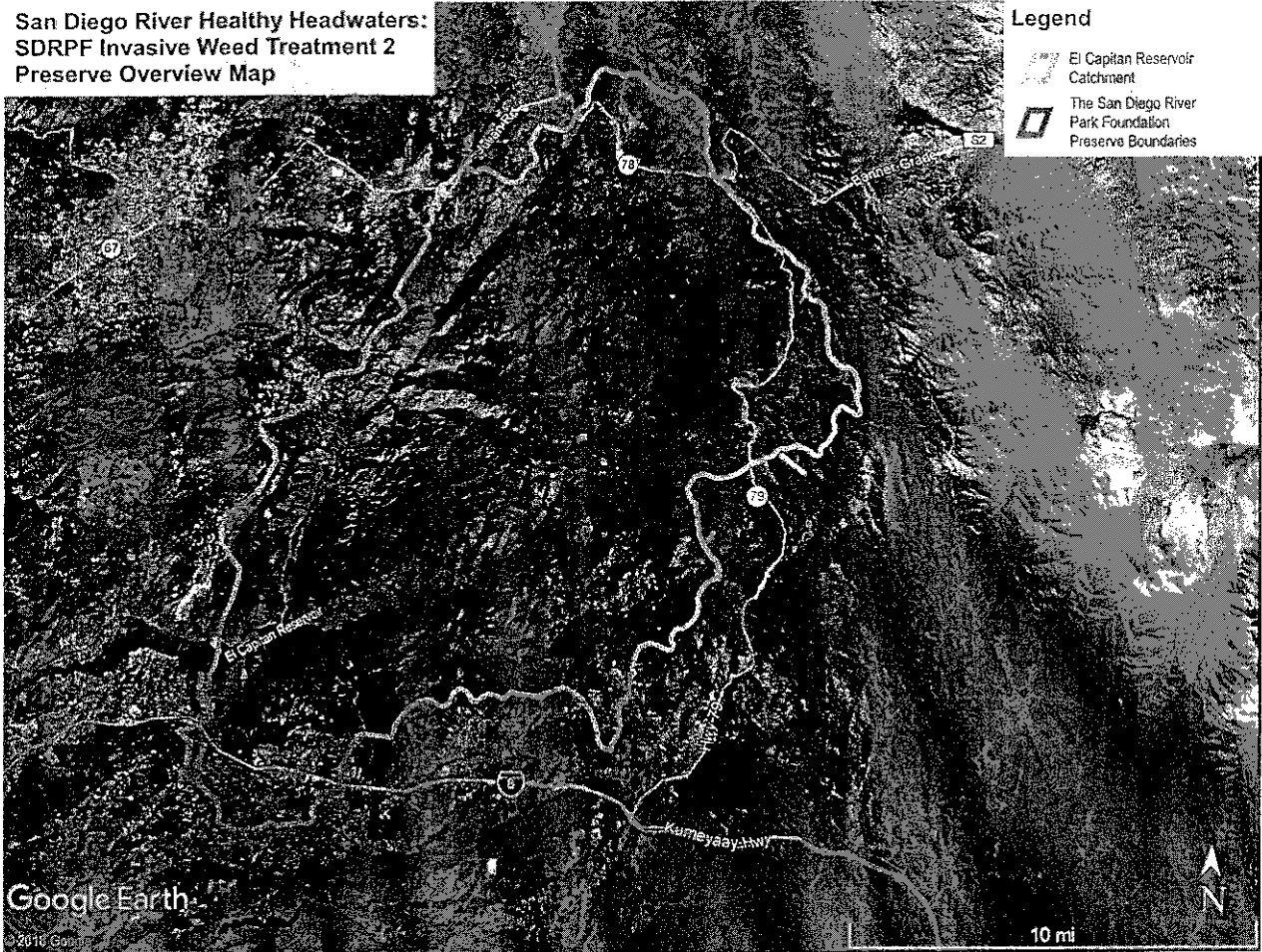
Site Location: The El Capitan Reservoir catchment or, the Upper San Diego River Watershed is in the eastern central portion of San Diego County, bounded by the communities of Ramona and Lakeside to the west, Julian and Santa Ysabel to the north, and Descanso and Alpine to the south. Invasive removal will occur on San Diego River Park Foundation owned lands within the catchment. Figure 1 includes a map of the preserve boundaries.

Invasive Removal Work Plan: Small stands of invasive non-native plants exist on The San Diego River Park Foundation-owned lands within the El Capitan Reservoir catchment area. Species targeted for removal may include *Tamarisk ramossisima*, *Washintonia robusta*, *Arundo donax*, and non-native *Genista* sp. such as French broom. These stands total less than one acre in size across all of the San Diego River Park Foundation's preserves. SDRPF will coordinate and train volunteers and oversee manual removal of these stands. Activities will include initial biomass removal using hand tools, followed by cut stump treatment using an herbicide approved for use near aquatic resources. The initial removal will be followed by quarterly monitoring and follow-up retreatments with herbicide as necessary for up to three years.

To avoid adverse impacts from invasive removal activities, several impact avoidance measures will be implemented. All herbicide application will be performed by trained applicators, and retreatment will be scheduled as needed based on monitoring. Existing access routes that avoid impacts to native species will be used. Trained volunteer work crews will be paired with trained team leaders for supervision. Crew size, which will include leaders, will not exceed ten individuals. Best management practices will be followed for herbicide application, invasive removal, and follow-up. This includes staging of herbicide mixing zones outside of sensitive areas and the presence of a spill kit with crews at all times. No stockpiles of debris will be allowed to accumulate during this project, and no biomass removal will occur during bird nesting season from February 15 to September 15 annually. Monitoring will occur quarterly throughout the year, and any re-treatment during nesting season will first require a survey by a qualified biologist to inspect for nesting birds within the work area. If nests are present, re-treatment will be postponed until the nest is no longer active, as determined by a qualified biologist.

Monitoring: Invasive removal monitoring will include quarterly qualitative and quantitative monitoring performed by project staff and trained volunteers. Monitoring types include photo-monitoring at each stand removed and invasive non-native plant stand size monitoring using SDRPF's RiverBlitz invasive plant protocol.

Figure 1: Overview of Preserve Boundaries (Work Areas) Within El Capitan Reservoir Catchment





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