

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: **Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation**
State Clearinghouse
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From: **Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District**
15415 W. Sand Street, #103
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and

San Bernardino County
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385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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Project Title: Weed Management and Eradication Project

Project Location: These protection and rehabilitation activities are proposed to be implemented within designated Weed Management Areas (WMAs) that occur in the Mojave Desert. Specific locations within the WMAs have yet to be selected. However, funds for management and eradication of weeds will be allocated based on review of participating agency funding requests within the WMA and ranking of the potential project success.

Project Location - City: Mojave Desert

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose,

and Beneficiaries of the Project: The MDRCD has received a three year grant to carry out weed management and eradication within its service area boundaries. Participating agencies include the Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service; Department of Defense; County Department of Agriculture; U. S. Forest Service; University of California Riverside Extension; Amargosa Conservancy; Mojave Desert Land Trust; and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The MDRCD administers the grant and the listed parties will carry out their specific approved weed eradication and treatment projects. The protection and rehabilitation work will be performed during the best season to conduct eradication and management of sites hosting the weeds. Bird nesting season will be avoided in riparian areas and other sensitive bird nesting areas. The goal is to eradicate the most noxious weed populations with the limited funding available. The eradication and management activities will consist of mechanical and hand work that will remove or eliminate the weeds in a given area. Additionally, it will include the use of herbicides. Potential herbicides to be used include: glyphosate, clopyralid, indaziflam, aminopyralid, imazapyr, triclopyr, isoxaben, dithiopyr, glufosinate, and or fluzifop.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
☒ Categorical Exemption (Section 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of categorical exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed Weed Management and Eradication Project has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will protect natural resources in accordance with the requirements of this exemption category. Categorical Exemption Class 4 exempts minor public or private alterations to the condition of land, water, and or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes...." The proposed project has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of this project's implementation. Therefore, this proposed action is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for Class 4 Exemption.

Lead Agency

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