

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**Filing Fee Exempt Per Gov. Code § 6103**

TO: County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: City of Orange
Community Development Department
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

Project Title: Santiago Creek Tree and Brush Maintenance

Project Location: The area of Santiago Creek generally north of Chapman Avenue

Description, Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project includes site preparation and performing crown raising or clearance pruning of trees and shrubs along Santiago Creek. The purpose of the project is to provide better visibility and creek access to law enforcement and City staff, as well as the removal of trash and debris.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Orange

Applicant or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Orange – Community Services Department, Parks Division

Name, Address, and Phone Number of Applicant or Agency Carrying Out the Project:
City of Orange, Community Services Department, Parks Division, 230 E. Chapman Ave.,
Orange, CA 92866, (714) 532-6468

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269)
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269)
- ☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Section 15304, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land)

Date of Decision: 08/20/2020

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 categorically exempts projects “of minor public or private alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.” The proposed project consists of performing crown raising or clearance pruning to trees and shrubs and would not involve the

removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and would not disturb the creek bed and slope grade. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA.

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CEQA Contact Person: Ashley Brodtkin, Associate Planner

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Lead Agency Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Dana Roberston, Park and Facilities Manager

Fish & Game Fees: Pursuant to Section 711.4(c)(2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code and 14 CCR § 753.5, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA.