

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of: San Bernardino</p>	<p>ADDRESS: 25864- K Business Center Drive Redlands, CA 92374</p>

1. Project Title:	Post-Fire Restoration Study for Bigcone Douglas Fir in the San Bernardino Mountains
2. Project Applicant:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The project will take place at three planting sites on San Bernardino National Forest Land near the community of Angelus Oaks. Planting locations are all off State Route 38. See attached map.
4. (a) Project Location – City: N/A	(b) Project Location – County: San Bernardino County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>The Inland Empire RCD has partnered with Tree People, a 501(c)(3) non-profit to reestablish native conifers in the San Bernardino Mountains. The goal of this project will be to plant 2,500 conifer seedlings at post-fire sites that were affected by the 2020 El Dorado Fire to expand climate-informed reforestation techniques for native conifers in the San Bernardino Mountains. The post-fire regeneration of native conifers has been a difficult forest management strategy to achieve in this region at scale, especially for rare endemics with unique traits and habitats such as the Bigcone Douglas-fir. This project will test and study specific treatments within the planting and site maintenance process to determine the most beneficial methods by which post-fire plantings can best survive to maturity.</p> <p>This project will specifically include growing the stock of Bigcone Douglas fir seedlings, as well as completing site preparation and planning, planting, and maintenance of the seedlings at three sites on San Bernardino National Forest Land near the community of Angelus Oaks.</p>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	TreePeople, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, entered into a sub-grant funding agreement with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) to complete this project.
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	

(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15304 – Minor Alteration to Land • 15307 – Action by Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources • 15308 – Action By Agencies for Protection of the Environment
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.		Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land), which consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The proposed project is a reforestation effort that will plant seedlings at post-fire sites, which will be a minor alteration to the condition of land and vegetation. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.</p> <p>Additionally, the project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15307 (Class 7 – Action by Agencies for the Protection of Natural Resources), as the Project is designed to plant conifer trees to maintain, restore, and enhance forest conditions and natural resources of the region.</p> <p>The project is also exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15308 (Class 8 – Action by Agencies for the Protection of the Environment), as the Project is designed to plant conifer trees to restore, enhance, and protect the natural environment.</p> <p>Finally, there are no unusual circumstances, environmentally sensitive areas, cumulative impacts, or other significant effects that could otherwise make these exemptions inappropriate pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2.</p>
10.		Lead Agency Contact Person:	Mandy Parkes
		Telephone:	(909) 855-6473
11.		If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form “A”) before filing.	
12.		Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
13.		Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____	

Signed by: Mandy Parkes Date: 11/20/2024 Title: District Manager
Signature: BDADCE328C8743F...

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

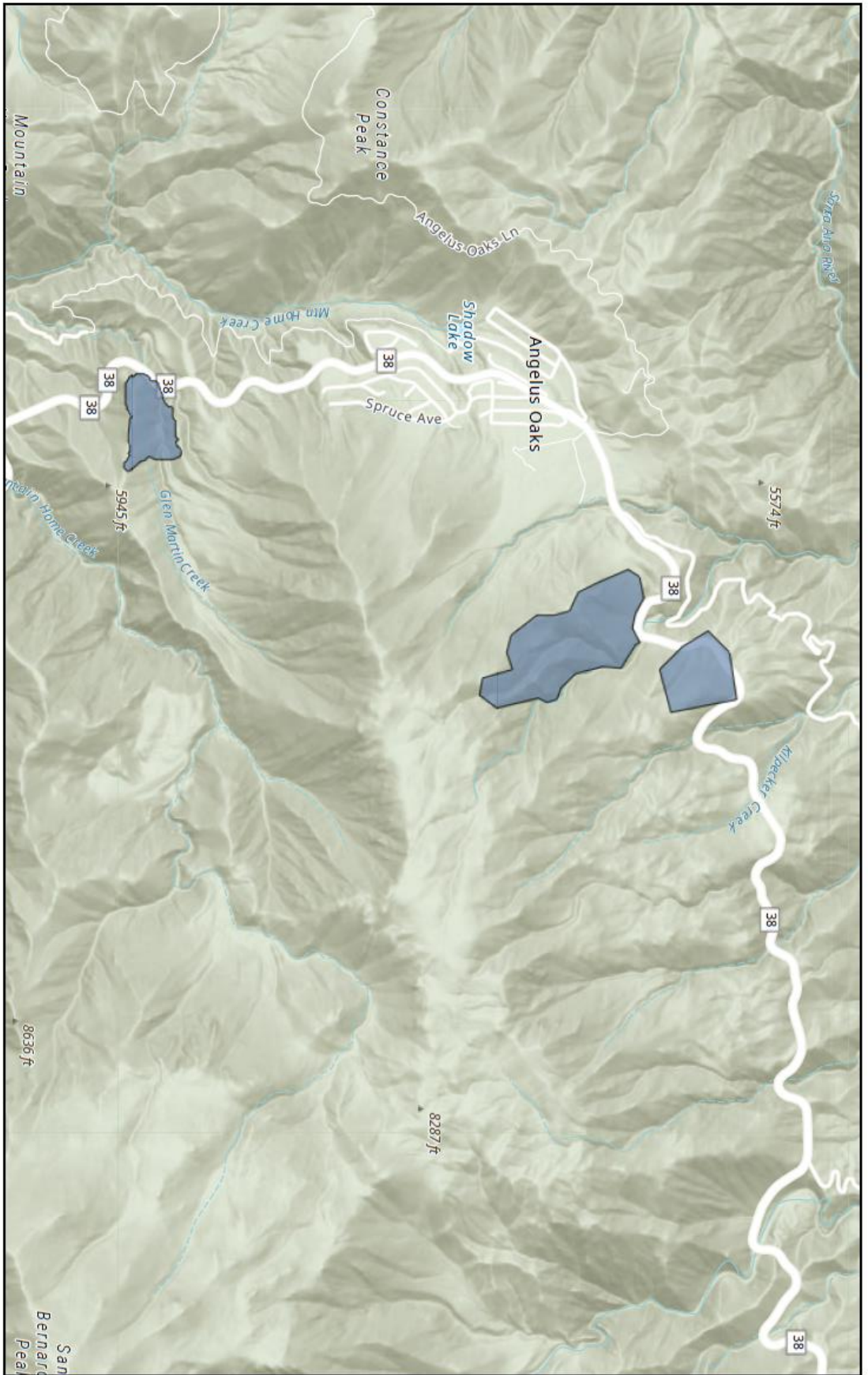
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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

TreePeople IERCD Project Sites



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Project Sites (3)

