

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency):  
Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency  
125 Pacifica, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618

County Clerk

County of: Orange

(Address)

Project Title: Live Oak Plaza Conservation Area Final Grazing Feasibility Study Recommendations

Project Applicant: Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA)

Project Location - Specific: Live Oak Plaza Conservation Area, El Toro Road and Live Oak Canyon Road

Project Location - City: Trabuco Canyon Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

There are opportunities within the Live Oak property to reduce fuel loads that carry wildfire and to reduce weed populations in the non-native and in the native vegetation communities. The Live Oak Grazing Feasibility study outlines an approach and preliminary plan to use conservation grazing as a management tool for the property. The study proposes to implement intense, short-duration cattle grazing 1 to 2 times per year to remove annual weeds while leaving time for growth and seed set of native perennials, timed in late winter and a second event in spring.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency

Exempt Status: (check one):

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: 15301(h), 15304(b)&(i), 15061(b)(3), 15306

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Adoption of the recommendations of the Live Oak Grazing Feasibility Study and the whole record that the action being considered is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301(h), 15304(b), 15304(i), 15061(b)(3), and 15306 of CEQA Guidelines. The activities authorized therein are exempt from CEQA because they involve maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth, are merely minor alterations to land, involve information collection that does not result in a serious or major disturbance, and/or it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the recommendations of the study will have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Valarie McFall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-754-3475

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: [Signature] Date: 6/8/20 Title: Chief Env. Planning Officer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant