

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 16.3  
(ID # 29215)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

**FROM :** Regional Parks and Open Space District

**SUBJECT:** Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District: Approval of Plans, Specifications, Addendum to Plans and Specifications, and Contract Documents, Accept the Low Bid, and Award the Contract for the Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi Oak Reserve and Idyllwild Regional Park Project; Find that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4) and Section 15061(b)(3); District 4 [Total Cost \$799,950; up to \$79,995 in additional compensation; 100% Park Acq & Dev, District Fund 33100]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Directors:

1. Find that the Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi Oak Reserve and Idyllwild Regional Park Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4) and Section 15061(b)(3);
2. Approve the Contract Documents, including the Plans and Specifications and PKARC-9749 Addendum No.1 to the project bid documents issued prior to the Tuesday, October 15, 2024, opening, for the Regional Park and Open-Space District Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi and Idyllwild Regional Park Project;
3. Waive any and all minor irregularities, and accept the low bid submitted by United Tree & Environmental, Inc. in the sum amount of \$299,950;

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**ACTION:Policy**

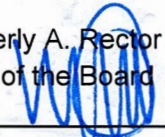
  
Kyla R. Brown, General Manager 10/29/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: November 18, 2025  
xc: Parks, Recorder, State Clearinghouse

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Directors:

4. Award the contract for the Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi Oak Reserve and Idyllwild Regional Park Project to United Tree & Environmental, Inc of Colton, California, in the amount of \$799,950;
5. Approve the Construction Contract and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) to execute the contract documents;
6. Direct the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Orders to United Tree & Environmental, Inc for construction services for the duration of the contract in the amount of \$799,950 and up to \$79,995 in additional compensation;
7. Authorize the General Manager, or their Designee, to approve and execute amendments to the Agreement that have been approved as to form by County Counsel, as required to complete the project that do not change the substantive terms of the agreement, or increase compensation more than ten percent (10%);
8. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) executed copies of the Agreement to the District; and
9. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days of the approval by the Board.

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$879,945	\$ 0	\$ 879,945	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Park Acq & Dev, District Fund 33100 (100%)			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	NO
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	25/26

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Riverside County Parks and Open Space District (District) is seeking to execute a Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project at two locations within Riverside County. The proposed project will remove hazardous trees and vegetation to reduce the risk of fire hazard at both the Idyllwild Regional Park and Valley Hi Oak Reserve (Valley Hi) locations. The overall project goal is to reduce fire hazards while preserving a diverse age class of trees, maintaining a healthy native plant understory, controlling spread of invasive plants, conserving important wildlife habitats, and maintaining healthy, mature trees.

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The District advertised for bids on September 24 and October 1, 2025. During the advertisement period, one addendum was issued to all registered plan holders to supplement the plans and specifications. The addendum is attached as Addendum No.1.

The project includes the following schedules for work:

- Base Bid Schedule: Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi and Idyllwild Regional Park Project

All bids were received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at which time bids were opened live via <https://colbisesecurebids.com/agency/RivCoParks>. The lowest responsible bid for the Base Bid Schedule was received from United Tree & Environmental, Inc. for the sum amount of \$299,950. Pursuant to Section 33 of the Instructions to Bidders, bidders are to submit any bid protests before 5:00 p.m. of the third (3rd) business day following the date of the bid opening. No protests were received by the deadline.

On October 16, 2025, a Notice of Intent to award the contract was sent to United Tree & Environmental, Inc. United Tree & Environmental, Inc has executed the construction contract and provided the bonds and insurance documents which meet the requirements of the contract.

The construction contract has been approved-as-to-form by County Counsel.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Removal of these hazardous fuels will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, which in turn will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance carbon storage and provide benefits to air quality.

Notices to all surrounding property owners will be sent before project is commenced and a community meeting to inform the communities about this project will be held on November 19, 2025, at Idyllwild Nature Center, located at 25225 Highway 243, Idyllwild, Ca 92549.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

This project is funded by a grant that was accepted on February 7, 2023, per minute order 13.2, where the District's Board of Directors authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) under the California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Program. Grant funds were awarded in the amount of \$1,944,000.

The \$799,950 construction contract includes the Base Bid for \$299,950 and an allowance of \$500,000.

**CEQA Considerations**

The proposed project qualifies for an exemption under Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, which applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation. The proposed project involves minor site grading and surface improvements that do not result in the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and would not affect sensitive environmental resources. The activity is categorically exempt because it will not involve

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substantial alterations to the topography, nor will it have significant adverse effects on the environment and would not trigger any of the disqualifying exceptions related to categorical exemptions listed in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. As discussed within the supporting documentation for the use of the categorical exemption, there are a number of required best management practices within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) that would apply to this project – the same as any project within the MSHCP. While these will help ensure no environmental effects will occur, they are not deemed to be mitigation measures pursuant to CEQA. Moreover, avoidance of the onsite cultural resources are project design features, as those resources have already been located and are currently fenced from the public.

Additionally, Section 15061(b)(3), states that projects that have no potential to cause significant environmental impacts are exempt from CEQA. CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. As detailed in the Notice of Exemption Memo, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project does not have any adverse environmental impacts and is therefore not subject to CEQA.

Staff therefore recommend that the Board of Directors (Board) find that the project is exempt under CEQA and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse for posting within five (5) working days of this Board meeting with a posting period of not less than 30 days.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

District received four bids on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. The base bids ranged from \$299,950 to \$968,107.50. United Tree & Environmental, Inc. was selected as the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$299,950. The contract presented for award also includes an Owner-Controlled Allowance of \$500,000, as specified in the Bid Documents.

The Owner-Controlled Allowance is intentionally set at a higher amount to account for potential unforeseen conditions and terrain-related challenges unique to the Idyllwild Regional Park project area. This proactive approach ensures that adequate funding is available to address any site-specific complexities without causing delays or requiring future contract amendments.

Collectively, the Base Bid (\$299,950) and the Owner-Controlled Allowance (\$500,000) result in a total contract award of \$799,950.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Notice of Exemption
- Notice of Exemption Memo
- Project Manual (Cover Page)
- Addendum No. 1
- Summary of Bids
- Contractors Bid Proposal
- PKARC-9749 Contract/Bonds/Insurance

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*Melissa Curtis*  
Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet 10/30/2025

*Douglas Ordóñez Jr.*  
Douglas Ordóñez Jr. 11/12/2025

*Aaron Gettis*  
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 11/5/2025

**AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made and entered into on the date of final signature hereto, by and between the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District ("District") and United Tree & Environmental Management, Inc. ("Contractor") ("Agreement"). The District and the Contractor agree as follows:

**The Work:** Contractor shall furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor, and material necessary to perform and complete in a good and workmanlike manner, the work of the following project:

**Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi Oak Preserve and Idyllwild Regional Park** ("Project" or "Contract" or "Work")

The Work shall be performed and completed as required in the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions including, without limitation, the Drawings and Specifications, under the direction and supervision of, and subject to, the approval of the District or its authorized representative.

**Classification of Contractor's License:** Contractor hereby acknowledges that it currently holds valid Type A, B or A, B, or C61-D-49 (C-49) Contractor's license(s) issued by the State of California, Contractor's State Licensing Board, in accordance with division 3, chapter 9, of the Business and Professions Code and in the classification called for in the Contract Documents.

**Time for Completion:** It is hereby understood and agreed that the Contractor shall complete the Work by or before Sunday, March 15, 2026. The District shall not approve an early completion schedule by Contractor. A schedule showing the Work completed in less than the Contract Time indicated in the Contract, shall be considered to have Project Float.

**Contract Price:** In consideration of the foregoing covenants, promises, and agreements, Contractor offers, in the amounts stated below, to perform the Work according to the Contract Documents. District covenants, promises, and agrees that it will pay and cause to be paid to Contractor in full, and as the Contract Price the following amount(s):

**Base Contract Amount:**

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**+ Allowance 1 (Owner Controlled)**

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**= Total Contract Price**

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be liable for delays resulting from Contractor's failure to coordinate its Work with other contractors in a manner that allows for timely completion of Contractor's Work. Contractor shall be liable for delays to other contractors caused by Contractor's failure to coordinate its Work with the work of other contractors.

**Liquidated Damages:** Time is of the essence for all Work to be performed. It is hereby understood and agreed that it is and will be difficult and/or impossible to ascertain and determine the actual damage that District will sustain in the event of and by reason of Contractor's delay; therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 53069.85 and Public Contract Code section 7203, Contractor shall forfeit and pay to District the sums as indicated in the Special Conditions ("**Liquidated Damages**").

**Use of Unit Prices and Bid Alternates:** The District may, at its sole discretion, increase or decrease the Contract Price by unit prices or alternates contained in Contractor's original bid. If the Bid for the Work included proposal(s) for Alternate Bid Item(s), during Contractor's performance of the Work, the District may elect to add any such Alternate Bid Item(s) if the item did not form a basis for award of the Agreement or delete any such Alternate Bid Item(s) if that item formed a basis for award of the Agreement. If the District elects to add or delete an Alternate Bid Item(s) pursuant to the foregoing, the cost or credit for that Alternate Bid Item(s) shall be as set forth in the Contractor's Bid, at the District's discretion. If any Alternate Bid Item is added or deleted from the Work pursuant to the foregoing, the Contract Time shall be adjusted by the number of days allocated for the added or deleted Alternate Bid Item in the Contract Documents; if days are not allocated for any Alternate Bid Item added or deleted pursuant to the foregoing, the Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted.

**Insurance and Bonds:** Contractor shall provide all required certificates of insurance, and payment and performance bonds.

**Performance of Work:** If Contractor fails to perform the Work properly or fails to perform any provisions of this Contract, the District, may, pursuant to the General Conditions and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, cure the deficiencies and deduct the cost thereof from the payment then or thereafter due Contractor.

**COVID-19.** Contractor is responsible for complying with all applicable and existing federal, state, and/or local statutes, orders, rules, regulations, ordinances, and/or directives relating to construction site safety in connection with COVID-19, and/or any similar virus or derivative strain. Contractor shall ensure it has supervisor employees onsite that are trained and knowledgeable of all of these requirements to ensure full compliance on Project Site(s).

**Authority of District, Architect, Project Inspector, and County Permitting Entity:** Contractor hereby acknowledges that the District, Architect(s), the Project Inspector(s), and the County Permitting Entity as applicable to this Project have authority to approve and/or stop Work if Contractor's Work does not comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and all applicable laws. Contractor shall be liable for any delay caused by its non-compliant Work.

**Assignment of Contract:** Neither the Contract, nor any part thereof, nor any moneys due or to become due thereunder, may be assigned by Contractor without the written approval of District, nor without the written consent of the Surety on Contractor's Performance Bond (the "Surety"), unless the Surety has waived in writing its right to notice of assignment.

**Payment of Prevailing Wages:** Contractor and all Subcontractors under Contractor shall pay all workers on Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the

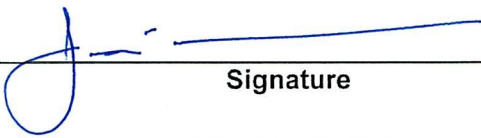
type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code.

**Contractor & Subcontractor Registration:** Contractor shall comply with the registration and compliance monitoring provisions of Labor Code section 1771.4, including complying with any applicable enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

**Authority of Contractor's Representatives:** Contractor hereby certifies that the person who executes this Agreement has the authority and power to legally bind the Contractor. Contractor also certifies that the person(s) it employees on the Project at or above the level of project superintendent, each have the authority to legally bind the Contractor.

**Severability:** If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of the Contract Documents is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions in the Contract Documents shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, accepted and agreed on the date indicated above:

United Tree & Environmental Management, Inc.	Riverside County Regional Park and Open- Space District
_____ <b>Contractor</b>	_____ <b>District</b>
10/17/2025	NOV 18 2025
_____ <b>Date</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>
<u>ignacio Huerta</u> <small>ignacio Huerta [Oct 17, 2025 09:11:44 PDT]</small>	
_____ <b>Signature</b>	_____ <b>Signature</b>
Ignacio Huerta	<b>JOSE MEDINA</b>
_____ <b>Print Name</b>	_____ <b>Print Name</b>
President	
_____ <b>Print Title</b>	_____ <b>Print Title</b>

NOTE: If the Contractor is a corporation, Contractor must attach a certified copy of the corporation's by-laws, or of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporation, authorizing the above person to execute this Agreement and the bonds required by the Contract Documents.

END OF AGREEMENT

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY KRISTINE BELL-VALDEZ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk

By   
DEPUTY







# PK-9749 AGREEMENT

Final Audit Report

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■ **Tobacco-Free Environment.** Pursuant to, without limitation, 20 U.S.C. section 6083, Labor Code section 6400 et seq., Health & Safety Code section 104350 et seq. and District Board Policies, all District sites, including the Project site, are tobacco-free environments. Smoking and the use of tobacco products by all persons is prohibited on or in District property. District property includes buildings, grounds, District owned vehicles and vehicles owned by others while on District property.

I acknowledge and certify under penalty of perjury that I am aware of the District's policy regarding tobacco-free environments at District sites, including the Project site and acknowledge and certify that I will adhere to the requirements of that policy and not permit any of my firm's employees, agents, subcontractors, or my firm's subcontractors' employees or agents to use tobacco and/or smoke on the Project site. The District also prohibits electronic cigarettes, "vaping" or similar product uses on District sites.

■ **No Hazardous Materials.** I acknowledge and certify under penalty of perjury that no Asbestos, or Asbestos-Containing Materials, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), or any material listed by the federal or state Environmental Protection Agency or federal or state health agencies as a hazardous material, or any other material defined as being hazardous under federal or state laws, rules, or regulations ("New Hazardous Material"), shall be furnished, installed, or incorporated in any way into the Project or in any tools, devices, clothing, or equipment used to affect any portion of Contractor's work on the Project for District. I have instructed our employees with respect to the above-mentioned standards, hazards, risks, and liabilities.

Asbestos and/or asbestos-containing material shall be defined as all items containing but not limited to chrysotile, crocidolite, amosite, anthophyllite, tremolite, and actinolite. Any or all material containing greater than one-tenth of one percent (.1%) asbestos shall be defined as asbestos-containing material. Any disputes involving the question of whether or not material is New Hazardous Material shall be settled by electron microscopy or other appropriate and recognized testing procedure, at the District's determination. The costs of any such tests shall be paid by Contractor if the material is found to be New Hazardous Material.

All Work or materials found to be New Hazardous Material or Work or material installed with equipment containing "New Hazardous Material," will be immediately rejected and this Work will be removed at Contractor's expense at no additional cost to the District.

The Contractor must immediately notify the District within two (2) Business Days, if the Contractor finds and before it disturbs, any material that the Contractor believes may be hazardous waste, as defined in section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, and requires removal to a Class I, Class II, or Class III disposal site in accordance with provisions of existing law.

*Certifications continue on next page.*

Certification must be on file prior to beginning Work on the Project, along with all current insurance certificates.

Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, Section 402(c)(3) of the Toxic Substances Control Act

In 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, issued a rule pursuant to the authority of Section 402(c)(3) of the Toxic Substances Control Act, requiring lead safe work practices to reduce exposure to lead hazards created by renovation, repair and painting activities that disturb lead-based paint (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule). Renovations in homes, childcare facilities, and other buildings built prior to 1978 must be conducted by certified renovations firms, using renovators with accredited training, and following the work practice requirements to reduce human exposures to lead.

Contractor, its workers and subcontractors must fully and adequately comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing lead-based materials, including those rules and regulations appearing within title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations as part 745 (40 CFR 745).

The requirements apply to all contractors who disturb lead-based paint in a six-square-foot area or greater indoors or a 20-square-foot area outdoors. If a DPH-certified inspector or risk assessor determines that a home constructed before 1978 is lead-free, the federal certification is not required for anyone working on that particular building.

Contractor's Liability

If the Contractor fails to comply with any applicable laws, rules, or regulations, and that failure results in a site or worker contamination, the Contractor will be held solely responsible for all costs involved in any required corrective actions, and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of the Contract, for all damages and other claims arising therefrom.

If lead disturbance is anticipated in the Work, only persons with appropriate accreditation, registrations, licenses, and training shall conduct this Work.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to properly dispose of any and all waste products, including, but not limited to, paint chips, any collected residue, or any other visual material that may occur from the prepping of any painted surface. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper disposal of any hazardous waste by a certified hazardous waste hauler. This company shall be registered with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and shall be able to issue a current manifest number upon transporting any hazardous material from any site within the District.

The Contractor shall provide the District with any sample results prior to beginning Work, during the Work, and after the completion of the Work. The District may request to examine, prior to the commencement of the Work, the lead training records of each employee of the Contractor.

I acknowledge and certify under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I have received notification of potential lead-based materials on the District's property;
2. I am knowledgeable regarding and will comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations governing work with, and disposal of, lead.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi Oak Preserve and Idyllwild Regional Park PK-9749

United Tree & Environmental  
Management, Inc.

1355 Cooley Drive Suite A

Firm Name

Address

Colton, CA 92324

City/State/Zip

1355 E Cooley Dr. Suite A

Colton, CA 92324

Address of branch office used for this  
Project if applicable

City/State/Zip of branch office

n/a

n/a

If subsidiary, name of parent company

Address of parent company

n/a

City/State/Zip of parent company

**CARB CA Air Resources Board Compliance:** I hereby certify that any in-use off-road diesel-fueled fleet, inclusive of rented, owned or sub-contractor provided, shall at all times be in compliance with CARB regulations and that Certificates of Reported Compliance shall be provided to the District and be available onsite for inspection.

**Economic Sanctions in Response to Russia:** I, the authorized representative for contractor named below, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the contractor below, and the contractor identified below has conducted a good faith review of existing contracts. I attest that the contractor is not a target of economic sanctions, and that contractor is in compliance with the economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any requirements related to the Russian sanctions imposed by the California Governor's Executive Order N-6-22 issued on March 4, 2022 and under state law, if any.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

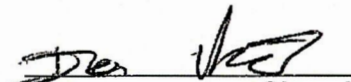
I acknowledge and certify under penalty of perjury that I am duly authorized to legally bind the Contractor to all provisions and items included in these certifications, that the contents of these certifications are true, and that these certifications are made under the laws of the State of California.

10/17/2025

Date

United Tree & Environmental Management, Inc

Proper Name of Bidder

  
Signed

Ignacio Huerta, President/CEO

Print Name / Title

END OF CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS

hereunder shall continue so long as any obligation of Contractor remains. Nothing herein shall limit the District's rights or the Contractor's or Surety's obligations under the Contract, law or equity, including, but not limited to, California Code of Civil Procedure section 337.15.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract or to the Work to be performed thereunder shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the Contract Documents or to the Work.

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to the Surety at the following address. This cannot be the Contractor's broker for this bond, but must be an employee of the Surety or the Surety's legal counsel:

Nicole M. Campbell, Attorney-in-Fact  
**Surety's Representative / Legal Counsel**

Nicole M. Campbell, Attorney-in-Fact  
**Attention**

(615)205-5080  
**Direct Telephone Number**

Nicole@ParrotSuretyServices.com  
**Email Address**

238 Bedford Way, Franklin, TN 37064  
**Mailing Address**

Signatures on next page.

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**PAYMENT BOND**

Contractor's Labor & Material Bond (100% of Contract Price)

(Note: Contractors must use this form, NOT a surety company form.)

**WHEREAS**, the governing board ("Board") of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, (or "District") and United Tree & Environmental Management, Inc., ("Principal") have entered into a contract for the furnishing of all materials and labor, services and transportation, necessary, convenient, and proper to

**Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Valley Hi Oak Preserve and Idyllwild Regional Park**  
("Project" or "Contract")

which Contract dated November 18, 2025, and all of the Contract Documents attached to or forming a part of the Contract, are hereby referred to and made a part hereof, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to law and the Contract, the Principal is required, before entering upon the performance of the work, to file a good and sufficient bond with the body by which the Contract is awarded in an amount equal to 100 percent (100%) of the Contract price, to secure the claims to which reference is made in the Civil Code of California, including section 9100, and the Labor Code of California, including section 1741.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Principal and Indemnity National Insurance Company ("Surety") are held and firmly bound unto all laborers, material men, and other persons referred to in said statutes in the penal sum of:

**TWO-HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY & 00/100 DOLLARS, (\$299,950.00)**

lawful money of the United States, being a sum not less than the total amount payable by the terms of Contract, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made pursuant all applicable statutes and to the provisions herein. Principal and Surety, each of us, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, jointly and severally, to those applicable statutes and to the provisions herein.

The condition of this obligation is that if the Principal or any of his or its subcontractors, of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns of any, all, or either of them shall fail to pay for any labor, materials, provisions, equipment, or other supplies, used in, upon, for or about the performance of the work contracted to be done, or for any work or labor thereon of any kind, or for amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to that work or labor, that the Surety will pay the same in an amount not exceeding the amount herein above set forth, and also in case suit is brought upon this bond, will pay a reasonable attorney's fee to be awarded and fixed by the Court, and to be taxed as costs and to be included in the judgment therein rendered.

It is hereby expressly stipulated and agreed that this bond shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons, companies, and corporations entitled to file claims under sections 9000 through 9566 of the Civil Code, so as to give a right of action to them or their assigns in any suit brought upon this bond.

Should the condition of this bond be fully performed, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and affect.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California  
County of San Bernardino )

On October 22, 2025 before me, Diana Sanchez, Notary Public  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Ignacio Huerta Rosas,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in  
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the  
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

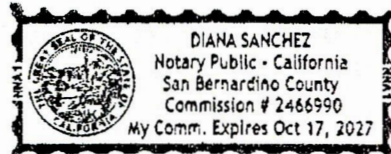
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



(Seal)



### Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that Indemnity National Insurance Company, a Mississippi corporation, (hereinafter the "Company"), does hereby constitute and appoint: Nicole M. Campbell, Brianna Taylor Stephensen of Parrot Surety Services, LLC to be its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal, and execute on its behalf surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar nature issued in the course of its business up to a penal sum not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) each, and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Company.

This appointment is made under and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Minutes of Special Actions Taken by Written Consent of the Board of Directors, which is now in full force and effect:

Authorization to Appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and the Use of Facsimile Signatures and Facsimile Seals for the Purpose of Issuing Bonds:

RESOLVED: That the president or any vice president may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the Company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the Company to bonds and related obligatory certificates and documents; and any one of said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any power previously granted to such person, whether or not such officer appointed the attorney-in-fact or agent.

RESOLVED: That any bonds and related obligatory certificates and documents shall be valid and binding upon the Company,  
(i) when signed by the president, or any vice president, and sealed with the Company seal; or  
(ii) when duly executed and sealed with the Company seal by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of authority evidenced by the power of attorney issued by the Company to such person or persons a certified copy of which power of attorney must be attached thereto in order for such obligation to be binding upon the Company.

RESOLVED: That the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any power of attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bonds and related obligatory certificates and documents of the Company and such signature and seal then so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of Indemnity National Insurance Company has been affixed thereto in Lexington, Kentucky this 22nd day of August, 2025.



Indemnity National Insurance Company

By Thomas F. Elkins  
Thomas F. Elkins, President

State of Kentucky  
County of Fayette

On this 22nd day of August, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, personally came Thomas F. Elkins, to me known, and acknowledged that he is President of Indemnity National Insurance Company; that he knows the seal of said corporation; and that he executed the above Power of Attorney and affixed the corporate seal of Indemnity National Insurance Company thereto with the authority and at the direction of said corporation.



By Deborah A. Murphy  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 09/26/2029  
Notary ID Number: KYNP34336

**CERTIFICATE**

I, James E. Hart, Secretary of Indemnity National Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect, and further certify that the Minutes of Special Actions Taken by Written Consent of the Board of Directors are now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Company. Dated this 21st day of October, 2025.



By James E. Hart  
James E. Hart, Secretary

**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**ADDITIONAL INSURED – OWNERS, LESSEES  
OR CONTRACTORS – SCHEDULED PERSON OR  
ORGANIZATION**

**SCHEDULE**

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s) Or Organization(s)	Location(s) Of Covered Operations
As required by written contract signed by both parties prior to loss	
Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.	

**A. Section II – Who Is An Insured** is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by:

1. Your acts or omissions; or
2. The acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf;

in the performance of your ongoing operations for the additional insured(s) at the location(s) designated above.

However:

1. The insurance afforded to such additional insured only applies to the extent permitted by law; and
2. If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the insurance afforded to such additional insured will not be broader than that which you are required by the contract or agreement to provide for such additional insured.

**B.** With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusions apply:

This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurring after:

1. All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
2. That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.

**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**ADDITIONAL INSURED – OWNERS, LESSEES OR CONTRACTORS – COMPLETED OPERATIONS**

**SCHEDULE**

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s) Or Organization(s)	Location And Description Of Completed Operations
As required by written contract signed by both parties prior to loss	
Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.	

**A. Section II – Who Is An Insured** is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused, in whole or in part, by "your work" at the location designated and described in the Schedule of this endorsement performed for that additional insured and included in the "products-completed operations hazard".

However:

1. The insurance afforded to such additional insured only applies to the extent permitted by law; and
2. If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the insurance afforded to such additional insured will not be broader than that which you are required by the contract or agreement to provide for such additional insured.

**B. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following is added to Section III – Limits Of Insurance:**

If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

1. Required by the contract or agreement; or
  2. Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations;
- whichever is less.

This endorsement shall not increase the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

**ALL OTHER TERMS OF THIS POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED**

**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY  
AGAINST OTHERS TO US**

**SCHEDULE**

**Name Of Person Or Organization:**

As required by written contract signed by both parties prior to loss

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

The following is added to Paragraph 8. **Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us** of Section IV – Conditions:

We waive any right of recovery we may have against the person or organization shown in the Schedule above because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" done under a contract with that person or organization and included in the "products-completed operations hazard". This waiver applies only to the person or organization shown in the Schedule above.

**ALL OTHER TERMS OF THIS POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED**

**A. Temporary Substitute Auto Physical Damage**

**SECTION I – COVERED AUTOS, C. Certain Trailers, Mobile Equipment And Temporary Substitute Autos** is changed by adding the following:

If Physical Damage coverage is provided by this Coverage Form, the following types of vehicles are also covered "autos" for Physical Damage coverage:

1. Any "auto" you do not own while used with the permission of its owner as a temporary substitute for a covered "auto" you own that is out of service because of its:
  - a. Breakdown;
  - b. Repair;
  - c. Servicing;
  - d. "Loss"; or
  - e. Destruction.

**B. Who Is An Insured**

**SECTION II – COVERED AUTOS LIABILITY COVERAGE, A. Coverage, 1. Who Is An Insured** is changed by adding the following:

**1. Broad Form Insured**

For any covered "auto", any subsidiary, affiliate or organization, other than a partnership or joint venture, as may now exist or hereafter be constituted over which you assume active management or maintain ownership or majority interest, provided that you notify us within ninety (90) days from the date that any such subsidiary or affiliate is acquired or formed and that there is no similar insurance available to that organization. However, coverage does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred before you acquired or formed the organization.

**2. Employees As Insureds**

Any "employee" of yours is an "insured" while using a covered "auto" you don't own, hire or borrow, in your business or your personal affairs.

**3. Additional Insured By Contract, Agreement Or Permit**

Any person or organization with whom you have agreed in writing in a contract, agreement or permit, to provide insurance such as is provided under this policy, provided that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs subsequent to the execution of the written contract, agreement or permit.

**4. Employee Hired Autos**

An "employee" of yours is an "insured" while operating an "auto" hired or rented under a contract or agreement in that "employee's" name, with your permission, while performing duties related to the conduct of your business.

(1) The number of days reasonably required to repair or replace the covered "auto". If "loss" is caused by theft, this number of days is added to the number of days it takes to locate the covered "auto" and return it to you.

(2) Thirty (30) days.

c. Our payment is limited to the lesser of the following amounts:

(1) Necessary and actual expenses incurred.

(2) \$50 any one day per private passenger "auto";  
\$100 any one day per truck;  
\$1,500 any one period per private passenger "auto";  
\$3,000 any one period per truck; or  
Higher limits if shown elsewhere in this policy.

d. This coverage does not apply while there are spare or reserve "autos" available to you for your operations.

e. If "loss" results from the total theft of a covered "auto" of the private passenger type, we will pay under this coverage only that amount of your rental reimbursement expenses which is not already provided for under the Physical Damage Coverage Extension.

## 2. Extra Expense – Broadened Coverage

We will pay for the expense of returning a stolen covered "auto" to you.

## 3. Personal Effects Coverage

If you have purchased Comprehensive Coverage on this policy for an "auto" you own and that "auto" is stolen, we will pay, without application of a deductible, up to \$500 for "personal effects" stolen from the "auto".

As used in this endorsement, "personal effects" means tangible property that is worn or carried by an "insured". "Personal effects" does not include tools, jewelry, money or securities.

## 4. Lease Gap

In the event of a total "loss" to a covered "auto" shown in the Declarations, we will pay any unpaid amount due on the lease or loan for a covered "auto", less:

a. The amount paid under the Physical Damage Coverage Section of the policy; and

b. Any:

(1) Overdue lease/loan payments at the time of the "loss";

(2) Financial penalties imposed under a lease for excessive use, abnormal wear and tear or high mileage;

(3) Security deposits not returned by the lessor;

(4) Costs for extended warranties, Credit Life Insurance, Health, Accident or Disability Insurance purchases with the loan or lease; and

(5) Carry-over balances from previous loans or leases.

**WAIVER OF OUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OTHERS ENDORSEMENT - CALIFORNIA**

We have the right to recover our payments from anyone liable for an injury covered by this policy. We will not enforce our right against the person or organization named in the Schedule. (This agreement applies only to the extent that you perform work under a written contract that requires you to obtain this agreement from us.)

You must maintain payroll records accurately segregating the remuneration of your employees while engaged in the work described in the Schedule.

The additional premium for this endorsement shall be 2% of the California workers' compensation premium otherwise due on such remuneration.

**Schedule**

**Person or Organization**

Any person or organization as required by written contract.

**Job Description**

This endorsement changes the policy to which it is attached and is effective on the date issued unless otherwise stated. **(The information below is required only when this endorsement is issued subsequent to preparation of the policy.)**

Endorsement Effective	2/22/2025	Policy No.	CPW1003449	Endorsement No.	0
Insured	United Tree & Environmental Management			Premium \$	593,150
Insurance Company	CorePointe Insurance Company				

Countersigned by \_\_\_\_\_



## CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

# Contractor's License Detail for License # 1089444

**DISCLAIMER: A license status check provides information taken from the CSLB license database. Before relying on this information, you should be aware of the following limitations.**

- ▶ CSLB complaint disclosure is restricted by law ( [B&P 7124.6](#) ) If this entity is subject to public complaint disclosure click on link that will appear below for more information. Click [here](#) for a definition of disclosable actions.
- ▶ Only construction related civil judgments reported to CSLB are disclosed ( [B&P 7071.17](#) ).
- ▶ Arbitrations are not listed unless the contractor fails to comply with the terms.
- ▶ Due to workload, there may be relevant information that has not yet been entered into the board's license database.

Data current as of 10/16/2025 10:16:44 AM

### Business Information

UNITED TREE & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INC  
dba UNITED TREE

6785 RIDGELINE AVENUE  
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407  
Business Phone Number:(909) 266-7609

**Entity** Corporation  
**Issue Date** 04/04/2022  
**Expire Date** **04/30/2026**

### License Status

**This license is current and active.**

**All information below should be reviewed.**

### Classifications

C-61 / D49 - TREE SERVICE

- Company Profile
- Company Search
- Company Search Results
- Company Information
- Old Company Names
- Agent for Service
- Reference Information
- NAIC Group List
- Lines of Business
- Workers' Compensation Complaint and Request for Action/Appeals Contact Information
- Financial Statements PDF's
  - Annual Statements
  - Quarterly Statements
- Company Complaint
  - Company Performance & Comparison Data
  - Company Enforcement Action
  - Composite Complaints Studies
- Additional Info
  - Find A Company Representative In Your Area
  - View Financial Disclaimer

**COMPANY PROFILE**

**Company Information**

**INDEMNITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**238 BEDFORD WAY**  
**FRANKLIN, TN 37064**

**Old Company Names**

**Effective Date**

**Agent For Service**

Melissa DeKoven, c/o  
 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive  
 Suite 150N  
 Sacramento CA 95833

**Reference Information**

NAIC #:	18468
California Company ID #:	6467-5
Date Authorized in California:	06/20/2023
License Status:	UNLIMITED-NORMAL
Company Type:	Property & Casualty
State of Domicile:	MISSISSIPPI

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**NAIC Group List**

NAIC Group #: 0000

**Lines Of Business**

The company is authorized to transact business within these lines of insurance. For an explanation of any of these terms, please refer to the [glossary](#).

- AUTOMOBILE
- COMMON CARRIER LIABILITY
- LIABILITY
- SURETY
- TEAM AND VEHICLE

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1089444

Business Phone

9097261008

Ext

Registration Start Date

2025-07-01

Legal Entity Name

United Tree & Environmental Management Inc.

Doing Business As (DBA)

United Tree & Environmental Management Inc.

Business Structure

-- None --

President

Ignacio Huerta Rosas

Email

ignacio.huerta@unitedtem.com

Registration End Date

2026-06-30

Crafts

Traffic Control/Lane Closure (Laborer) Tree Maintenance (Laborer)

Tree Trimmer (High Voltage Line Clearance)

Address

Mailing Address

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**Peter Aldana**  
**Riverside County**  
**Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder**  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507  
(951) 486-7000  
www.rivcoacr.org

**Receipt: 25-354914**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Extended</b>
FISH	CLERK FISH AND GAME FILINGS	\$50.00
	# Pages	1
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	No Charge Clerk Fee	false
F&G Notice of Exemption Fee		\$50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50.00</b>
Tender (On Account)		\$50.00
Account#	RCRPOSD	
Account Name	RCRPOSD - RIVCO REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT	
Balance	\$6,337.50	
Comment	SST3622S1186	



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 25-354914  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL GABYADAME@RIVCO.ORG	DATE 11/19/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING RIVERSIDE	DOCUMENT NUMBER E-202501019	

PROJECT TITLE  
 RIVCOPARKS HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL GABYADAME@RIVCO.ORG	PHONE NUMBER (951) 955-1395
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 4600 CRESTMORE ROAD,	CITY JURUPA VALLEY	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92509

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>I Syeda</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Deputy Isabel Tejada
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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

AUTHORIZATION  
TO BILL  
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: 33100-931105-537020-PK-9749

AMOUNT: \$50.00


DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY: REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY:

Signature: 

PRESENTED BY: MICHAEL ALFEREZ, FISCAL MANAGER

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: - **Isabel Tejada**  
DATE: - **NOV 19 2025**  
RECEIPT # (S) - **25 -354914**

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency):
Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District
4600 Crestmore Rd, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

County Clerk
County of: Riverside

(Address)

Project Title: RivCoParks Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Project Location - Specific:
Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Multi-Species Reserve, Norton Younglove Reserve, Box S

Project Location - City: Multiple Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project consists of two major fuels reductions components: (1) weed abatement for fuels reduction, and (2) tree canopy fuels reduction. Work will be performed on approximately 938.73 acres across six RivCoParks sites across Riverside County. RivCoParks staff will complete approximately 878.4 acres of weed abatement fuels reduction at Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Multi-Species Reserve, Norton Younglove Reserve, and Box Springs Mountain Reserve, and 60.33 acres of tree canopy fuels reduction will be performed at Idyllwild and Valley High Oak Reserve. See attached Notice of Exemption Memorandum for tree canopy work and Negative Declaration for weed abatement work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Board of Directors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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: 15304 (Class 4)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The two tree canopy fuel reduction project sites, Valley Hi and Idyllwild, are not located in a sensitive environment, would not contribute to cumulative impacts, and present no unusual circumstances that could result in significant environmental effects. They do not affect scenic resources along designated scenic highways, are not situated on a hazardous waste site, and will not cause substantial adverse changes to any historical resources. See attached memo for additional information. Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Multi-Species Reserve, Norton Younglove Reserve, and Box Springs Mountain Reserve are weed abatement project sites that were previously studied under county wide negative declaration Environmental Assessment Number CEQ180124. Section 15061(b)(3) can also apply to this project as it will not have a negative effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Gaby Adame-Algrim Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-955-1395

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: 9/4/2025 Title: Bureau Chief

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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County of Riverside
Peter Aldana
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

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#### 2025110715 - NOE - RivCoParks Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Riverside County

Created - 11/18/2025 | Submitted - 11/18/2025 | Posted - 11/18/2025 | Received - 11/18/2025 | Published - 11/18/2025

Whitney N Mayo

### Document Details

#### Public Agency

Riverside County

#### Document Type

Notice of Exemption

#### Document Status

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#### Title

RivCoParks Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

#### Document Description

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### Attachments (Upload Project Documents)

16.3 - NOE - Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project.pdf

### Contacts

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT - *Gaby Adame*

4600 Crestmore Road  
 JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509  
 Phone : (951) 955-1395  
 GabyAdame@Rivco.org

### Regions

Southern California

### Counties

Riverside

**Cities**

Multiple Areas throughout Riverside County

**Location Details**

**Other Location Info**

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**Notice of Exemption**

**Exempt Status**

Categorical Exemption

**Type, Section Number or Code Number**

15304

**Reasons why project is exempt**

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**County Clerk(s)**

Riverside

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Signature

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Title

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Date

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SCH Number 2025110715

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From Thomas Hubbard <THOMAS.HUBBARD@lci.ca.gov>

Date Tue 11/18/2025 1:51 PM

To Mayo, Whitney <WMayo@Rivco.org>

Hello,

Thank you for submitting your notice through CEQA Submit. Your document has been successfully published.

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Please contact the SCH with any questions at [state.clearinghouse@lci.ca.gov](mailto:state.clearinghouse@lci.ca.gov).

Thank you,



**Thomas Hubbard** | *he/him*

Jr. CEQA Analyst

**Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation**

*Formerly known as the Governor's Office of Planning and Research*

[Thomas.Hubbard@lci.ca.gov](mailto:Thomas.Hubbard@lci.ca.gov)

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