NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From:

Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority 7702 Washington Ave., Suite C Whittier, CA 90602

X County Clerk County of Los Angeles Environmental Filing 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: Whittier-Puente Hills Preservation Acquisition

Project Location - Specific: Assessor Parcel Numbers 8221-004-013, 8221-004-014, 8221-004-015, E. Oak Canyon Drive, Hacienda Heights 91745,

Project Location - City: Hacienda Heights

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project involves the acquisition of specified parcels (approximately 13.7 acres) by the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority using its Proposition A grant funds (grant no. 58L8-18-1391) and those from the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (grant no. -1388). The parcels will be added to the Puente Hills Preserve and preserved as wildlife habitat and open space.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority.

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)).
- X Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines 15313)

Reasons why Project is Exempt: This project will not have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment. The acquired block of habitat is integrated with the Puente Hills Preserve and will be preserved as wildlife habitat, therefore there is an overall environmental benefit with this project.

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