FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Conejo Recreation and Park District
Fire Mitigation in Conejo Valley
HMGP #1498-98-36

The Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) has applied for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, to conduct vegetation management on public property managed by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) in the City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, California. FEMA is proposing to fund the project through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under a presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1498-DR-CA) for the southern California wildfires of October 2003.

The proposed action would consist of the selective removal of vegetation within 100 feet of structures and 10 feet of roadways, including access roads, on approximately 21.5 linear miles throughout COSCA lands; it would not include treatment of private property. Treatment of vegetation would occur approximately between April 1 and May 31, 2006, or April 1 and May 31, 2007, except in areas with coastal sage scrub, which would be treated between September 1, 2006, and February 1, 2007. CRPD would remove approximately 90 percent of the existing vegetation in areas that have not been treated for vegetation management since 2003, and in areas that have been treated since 2003, CRPD would remove approximately 20 percent of existing vegetation. Hand crews would utilize weed eaters, chain saws, and walk-behind tracked mowers.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for Fire Mitigation in Conejo Valley (March 2006) to evaluate the impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. The SEA tiers from the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Rain, and Wind Disasters in California (December 2003) as Proposed by FEMA. The PEA and SEA are available online at http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the PEA and SEA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from the proposed action. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 7 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

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