

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Chula Vista
Vegetation Management Risk Reduction Project
LPDM-PJ-09-CA-2009-004

The City of Chula Vista (City), San Diego County, California, has applied, through the California Emergency Management Agency, to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to reduce the risk to life and property by mitigating the fire hazard in the City. The assistance would be provided through the Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (LPDM-PJ-09-CA-2009-004).

The City's proposal (Proposed Project) consists of clearing vegetation (treatment) on approximately 25 acres along the rim of Rice Canyon, a City-owned open space area. The existing 10-foot-wide defensible space between the boundaries of developed private properties and the canyon would be increased to a width of up to 80 feet, which would improve the ability of firefighters to defend at-risk homes from a wildfire in Rice Canyon. Treatment would focus on reducing the density of non-native plants and removing dead wood.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, FEMA has prepared the *Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the City of Chula Vista Vegetation Management Risk Reduction Project* (March 2013) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Project on the human environment. The SEA includes measures that will be implemented to mitigate, minimize, and avoid impacts to the human environment. The SEA tiers from the *Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Resulting from Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Rain, and Wind Disasters in California* (December 2003), prepared by FEMA. The PEA and the SEA are available at <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-5>.

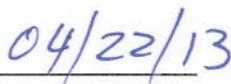
A Public Notice announcing the availability of the SEA was posted in *The Star-News*, a newspaper of general circulation published once weekly in the City of Chula Vista, and on FEMA's website for Environmental Documents and Public Notices in Region IX. No comments on the SEA were received during the 15-day comment period.

Based on the information contained in the PEA and the SEA, a review of the applicable environmental laws, and compliance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. For more information, contact Donna M. Meyer, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer, at (510) 627-7728.



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