



OWNER'S DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) directs public agencies to assess and disclose the environmental effects of the projects it approves. In determining whether a proposed project is subject to CEQA, the City of Los Angeles is required to consider any potentially adverse impacts the project may have on biological resources. Failure by a project applicant to disclose known biological resources on the project site may result in a violation of CEQA.

Date of Site Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address or APN(s)<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the project site contain certain known biological resources, and if so, will the project require biological analysis by a qualified biologist? (Follow the instructions for each respective answer.)

- Yes.** The project site contains one or more of the following biological resources: (Check all that apply)
  - Water Resources, including but not limited to, streams, wetlands, or other permanent / seasonal water bodies
  - Protected Trees and/or Shrubs, or certain trees within the Coastal Zone (See Appendix A)
  - Other sensitive/special resources requiring additional review: (Describe below)

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\_\_\_\_\_

- No.** The project site does not contain any of the above biological resources.

*If No, sign and notarize the signature at the bottom of the form and return the notarized form (plus Appendix B attachments) to the appropriate department within the City of Los Angeles at the time of filing for permits/entitlements.*

*If Yes, will the project remove or possibly affect any of the above marked biological resources (e.g., set up construction staging near tree trunks)?*

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<sup>1</sup> Include the entire site, not just the development footprint.

- Yes.** The project will require biological resources analysis (Biological Resources Report) by a Qualified Biologist. (See Appendix A)
- No.** The project site will not remove or possibly affect any of the above biological resources.

*If No, sign and notarize the signature at the bottom of the form and return the notarized form (plus Appendix B attachments) to the appropriate department within the City of Los Angeles at the time of filing for permits/entitlements.*

**Owner’s Declaration**

I own the property located at \_\_\_\_\_. I have read the above “Notice to Owner.” I acknowledge and understand that should the City determine that the project site contains any of the above biological resources, the City may require biological resources analysis by a qualified biologist prior to completing the CEQA analysis. I certify that the project site does not contain any of the above biological resources to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Owner (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Notary 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 Los Angeles

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
*(insert name and title of the officer)*

Personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, 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)

## APPENDIX A - REFERENCES

**Qualified Biologist.** A person with the appropriate education, training, and experience to conduct biological surveys, monitor Project activities that have the potential to affect biological resources, provide construction worker education programs related to the protection of biological resources, and supervise or perform other tasks related to biological resources; possesses a Bachelor of Science degree or Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, ecology, or a related environmental science; has at least five years of professional experience that requires knowledge of natural history, habitat affinities, and identification of flora and fauna species, and relevant local, state and federal laws and regulations governing the protection of biological resources; and meets the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) qualifications for botanical field surveyors.

### Protected Trees & Shrubs

- Oak, including valley oak (*Quercus lobota*) and coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), or any other tree of the oak genus indigenous to California but excluding the California scrub oak (*Quercus berberidifolia*)
- Southern California black walnut (*Juglans californica*)
- Western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*)
- California bay (*Umbellularia californica*)
- Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*)
- Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)

### Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Trees (only applicable within the Coastal Zone)

- Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*)
- Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*)
- Coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*)
- Coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
- Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- Western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*)
- Bishop pine (*Pinus muricata*)
- Any Eucalyptus species

## APPENDIX B - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Site Plan
- Tree Disclosure Statement