City of Elk Grove
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: City of Elk Grove
Development Services-Planning
8401 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

PROJECT TITLE: Bruceville Point Residential Care Facility for Elderly (PLNG20-007)
PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: 9730 Backer Ranch Road
ASSessor's PARCEL NUMBER(S): 132-0870-021
PROJECT LOCATION - CITY: Elk Grove
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project consists of a request for an amendment to a previously-approved Major Design Review (EG-17-002) for the Bruceville Point Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) to install a 7-foot, 6-inch tall concrete masonry sound wall along a portion of the property adjacent to Bruceville Road and a Tree Removal Permit for the removal of two trees of local importance related to the installation of the sound wall.

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APPLICANT: Tenfold Bruceville Point, LLC
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EXEMPTION STATUS: Categorical [Section 15303]
REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary “project.” A “project,” under CEQA, is defined as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment” (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). The proposed Project is a project under CEQA.

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (e) applies to projects that consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities, or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

The Project consists of a Design Review amendment to install a new, 7-foot tall (with 7-foot, 6-inch tall columns) sound wall along approximately 178 linear feet of the property along Bruceville Road connected to an open fence on top of a wall (approximately 45 linear feet total). The height and location of the sound wall would reduce transportation related noise from Bruceville Road within the private courtyard area to comply with the General Plan noise policy, Table 8-3 footnote d which allows maximum noise exposure levels of 65 dB for exterior activity areas and maximum interior noise levels of 45 dB. Compliance with interior noise levels will be achieved through the installation of Sound Transmission Class (STC) 30 rated windows on building elevations facing Bruceville Road. Construction of the sound wall will be required to comply with EGMC Chapter 19.12 and Project-specific tree protection recommendations from the City Arborist for the eleven existing oak trees in proximity to the Project location.

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