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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: *Carrie Anderson*
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department
2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: The Foothill Property Owners' Association Fuel Reduction Project

Project Number: N/A

Lead Agency / County Agency of Filing: Sonoma County

Project Proponent (Applicant): Foothill Property Owners' Association

Applicant Addresses: PO Box 36 Fulton, CA 95439

Project Location: The Foothills Property Owners Association: Foothill Ranch Road, Idlewood Road, Lower Ridge Road, Upperidge Road, Wallace Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Date of Approval: June 2nd, 2021

Exemption Filed With: Sonoma County Clerk

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the 2021 Vegetation Management Grant Program, the County of Sonoma has approved grant funding for the Foothill Property Owner's Association (POA) to complete two fuels reduction projects: 1) a chipper program for dead vegetation and trees located within the entire project area; and 2) the selective thinning and chipping of dead vegetation, high grass and shrubs and removal of dead trees located in the 40 acre common area parcel located within the project area. The first component will consist of a chipper program available to all members of the FPOA. Residents will pile their dead vegetation along the roadways and a crew will chip the material. The second component will consist of the mechanical thinning of dead vegetation, ladder fuels and trees in the 40 acre parcel common area parcel (APN 028-360-038). This area suffered significant damage in the Tubbs fire as nearly half of the parcel contained a forest of fir trees. Many of the fir trees did not survive the fire and most have been removed. However, remaining downed fir trees need to be removed, and 38 oaks, 165 bay and 77 madrone trees need to be limbed and high grass and shrubs weed whacked to reduce ladder fuels. The purpose of the project is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated threat to life, property, and the environment. It is intended to also help residents in their effort to create defensible space around homes and reduce vegetation along roadways.

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections, Section 15301 (c) Maintenance of existing highways and streets and 15304 (i) Minor Alteration to Land-Fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The removal of the dead, dying and hazardous trees and chipping program is a maintenance activity of an existing facility involving no expansion of use. The understory fuel reduction is a minor alteration to land that involves fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Robert Aguero, RPF 3062
Senior Environmental Specialist
Permit Sonoma
Natural Resources
707-565-3718

Project Proponent:

Anthony Sarto
Anthony Sarto
Board President, Foothills POA
707-494-5841



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-07142021-239

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/14/2021
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 21-0714-02
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PROJECT TITLE
THE FOOTHILL PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME FOOTHILL PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 36	CITY FULTON	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95439
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,445.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,480.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,171.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <i>X Carrie Anderson</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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