

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: Monterey  
 168 West Allisal Street, 1st Floor  
 Salinas, CA 93901

From: (Public Agency): Resource Conservation District of Monterey County  
774-A LaGuardia Street  
Salinas, CA 93905  
 (Address)

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STEPHEN L. VAGNINI  
 MONTEREY COUNTY CLERK  
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Project Title: Los Padres Strategic Community Fuelbreak Collaborative Project- Santa Lucia Conservancy Roadside Treatment 2021-0091

Project Applicant: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Project Location - Specific:

Robinson Canyon Road, Rancho San Carlos Road, Goodrich Trail, Long Ridge Trail, S

Project Location - City: Carmel Valley Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

28.36 miles of roads in the Santa Lucia Preserve are being treated 50 feet on either side of the road to reduce the risk of wildfire to residents and visitors to the Preserve in case of emergency egress. These roads are maintained as fuelbreaks and as primary routes for evacuation in emergencies such as wildfire. The maintenance of vegetation along these roads also provides emergency personnel an increased ability to defend homes and structures from wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Lucia Conservancy

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4: Minor Alterations To Land, Section (i)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because the clearing and maintenance of vegetation to 50 feet on either side of select roadways in the Santa Lucia Preserve to reduce the fire hazard to people evacuating during an emergency falls under Category 4, Section (i):

Fuel management activities within 30 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. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Jamie Tuitele-Lewis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-593-9235

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/22/2021 Title: Paul Robins  
Exec. Director  
 Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT



19900 Portola Drive Salinas, California 93908  
(831) 455-1828 Fax (831) 455-0646 [www.mcrfd.org](http://www.mcrfd.org)

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Michael B. Urquides, Fire Chief  
David J. Sargenti, Deputy Chief

Eric Ulwelling, Division Chief/EMS & Safety  
Kevin Kamnikar, Division Chief/Fire Prevention

June 14, 2021

Re: Notice of Exemption for Santa Lucia Conservancy

To Whom It May Concern:

The Monterey County Regional Fire District has determined that vegetation treatments out to 100 feet from structures, particularly roads for vehicular traffic, can be implemented on the Santa Lucia Preserve as long as they do not result in the take or any impact to endangered, threatened or rare plant or animal species potentially found in these areas, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This determination has been made due to the extremely dry conditions in the Central Coast region of California that will increase the risk of hazardous wildfire conditions this season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at [kkamnikar@mcrfd.org](mailto:kkamnikar@mcrfd.org) or at 831-809-4526.

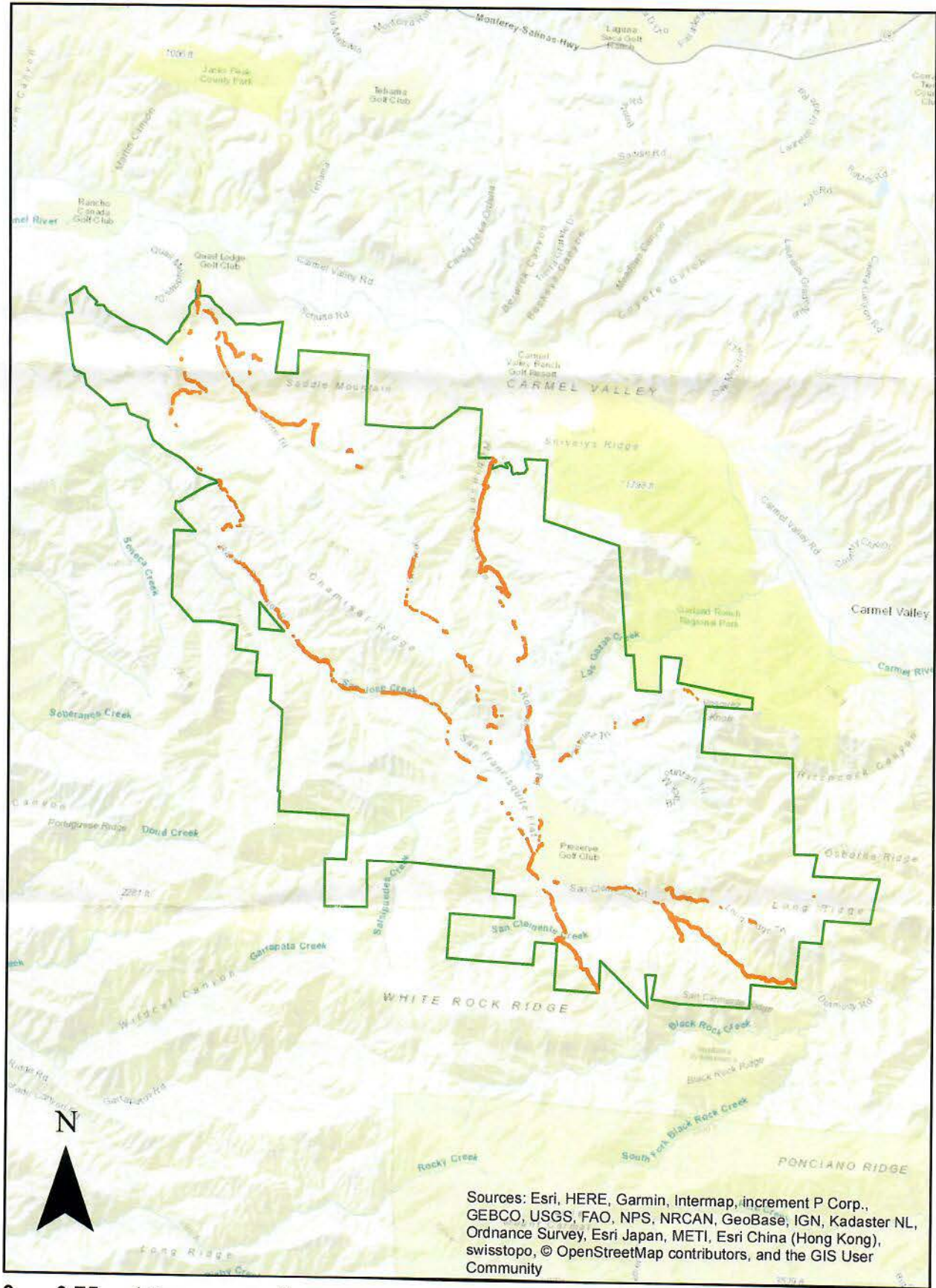
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kamnikar", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Kamnikar  
Division Chief/Fire Marshal



# Santa Lucia Preserve Roadside Treatments- 50 foot buffer



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community





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: 27-07222021-091
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/22/2021
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MONTEREY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2021-0091	

PROJECT TITLE  
 LOS PADRES STRATEGIC COMMUNITY FUELBREAK COLLABORATIVE PROJECT- SANTA LUCIA CONSEVANCY  
 ROADSIDE TREATMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CONTACT: JAIME TUI TELE-LEWIS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (559) 593-9235
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 774-A LAGUARDIA ST	CITY SALINAS	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93905

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----------|
| <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)

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|---|----------|------------------|
| <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 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Erik Rios, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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