



NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Coast Ridge Forest Council Fort Ross Road Vegetation Management
Public Agency: Sonoma County
Project Applicant: Coast Ridge Forest Council
Applicant Address: PO Box 139, Cazadero, CA 95421
Project Location: 18000-26999 Fort Ross Road, Sonoma County
Date of Approval: 2/25/2022

To: County Clerk- Recorder Office
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

Sonoma County proposes to fund fuel reduction on 9.3 miles of Fort Ross Road. Fuel reduction work will encompass the removal or pruning of dead, dying, or hazardous trees along roads and around structures to provide defensible space and a wildfire calming zone around Fort Ross Road. The project grant also entails understory fuel reduction that will occur to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation in the project area. Vegetation and trees to be removed will be cut at grade, with stumps remaining in place. Heavy equipment will remain along the road prism, and no ground disturbing activities will occur. Slash and debris will be disposed of onsite via mulching or lop and scatter.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions. Section 15301 (c) Maintenance of existing highways and streets and Section 15304(i) Minor Alterations to Land

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 30 to 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 understory fuel reduction is a minor alteration to land that involves fuel management activities within 30 to 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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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: Betsy Penn
Betsy Penn, Deputy Clerk

**This notice was posted on 02/25/2022
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 03/28/2022**

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-02252022-052
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY S/C PERMIT & RESOURCE MGT.	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 02/25/2022
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 22-0225-03
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PROJECT TITLE
 COAST RIDGE FOREST COUNCIL FORT ROSS ROAD VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COAST RIDGE FOREST COUNCIL	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 139	CITY CAZADERO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95421
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$3,539.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,548.00 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,203.25 \$ _____

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

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Betsy Penn, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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