



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: Muniz Ranches Shaded Fuel Break	To:	
Public Agency: Sonoma County	County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and
Project Applicant: Muniz Ranches Property Owners Association	County of Sonoma	Research
Applicant Address: P.O. Box 75 Jenner, California 95450	585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 Santa Rosa, CA 95403	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Project Location: Jenner, CA		
Date of Approval: August 9, 2022		

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The County of Sonoma proposes to fund vegetation management work in the Muniz Ranches Property Owners Association in western Sonoma County. Work will occur along Muniz Ranches Road, maintaining and adding to existing fuel break already created since 2017. Fuel reduction work will encompass the removal of dead trees and hazardous brush in the understory. The project 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. Vegetation removal will occur using mechanical methods, via heavy equipment and handcrews with chainsaws. Heavy equipment will remain along the road prism or already disturbed areas and no ground disturbing activities will occur. Slash and debris will be disposed of onsite via mulching or lop and scatter. Work will not occur in areas of special status species, critical habitat, wetlands, riparian corridors, sensitive natural communities or other sensitive resources.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions. 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 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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This notice was posted on 08/09/2022
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 09/09/2022

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



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: 49-08092022-343
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/09/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 22-0809-01	

PROJECT TITLE
MUNIZ RANCHES SHADED FUEL BREAK

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MUNIZ RANCHES PROPERTY OWNERS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 75	CITY JENNER	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95450

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)	\$3,539.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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