

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460

(Address)

Project Title: State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations 2021

Project Applicant: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Project Location - Specific:

The State Responsibility Area as defined in PRC 4126-4127 and the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone as defined in GOV 51177(i).

Project Location - City: Statewide Project Location - County: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Regulations to provide clear standards to the regulated public, ensure consistency of terms between the regulations and relevant codes, identify ridgelines to be preserved, and set standards for fuel breaks and greenbelts near communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies to protect Natural Resources and 15308,
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Actions by Regulatory Agencies to protect the Environment, and 15061(b)(3),
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Common Sense Exemption
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed regulatory amendments are intended to minimize structure fires and wildfire that lead to environmental and natural resources impacts, including loss of vegetation and biodiversity; erosion, landslides, and debris flows; adverse air quality, climate change, and water quality impacts; and contaminated and hazardous material disposal challenges. These environmental and natural resources effects can also lead to public health impacts. The Common Sense Exemption applies because standards for designating strategic ridgelines and greenbelts would not displace or determine the location of development because the location would be determined by local jurisdictions as part of their land use planning and project review and approval processes.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Edith Hannigan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-5050

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: *Edith Hannigan* Date: 8/19/2022 Title: Executive Officer

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▪ 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: _____