



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: Bennett Ridge Infrastructure

Protection – Bennett Ridge Road

Public Agency: Sonoma County

Project Applicant: Bennett Ridge Fire Safety (BRFSO)

Applicant Address: 2515 - 2550 Bennett Ridge Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404

Project Location: Community of Bennett Ridge, along Bennett Ridge Road

Date of Approval: 10/7/2022

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office Office of Planning and

County of Sonoma Research

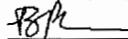
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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: 

Betsy Penn, Deputy Clerk

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The County of Sonoma proposes to fund a vegetation management project in the Bennett Ridge neighborhood. Project consists of vegetation management to reduce fire hazard within the approximately 200-acre Bennett Ridge neighborhood. The project will remove seventeen 90'-tall eucalyptus trees growing around the cul-de-sac at the western end of upper Bennett Ridge Road. Other trees in project area will be limbed to reduce ladder fuels. Special status plant species in the area will be flagged and avoided during project operation.

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 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:



Robert Aguero, Senior Environmental Specialist

Permit Sonoma

Natural Resources Division

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This notice was posted on 10/07/2022

and will remain posted for a period of thirty days through 11/07/2022

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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:
49-10072022-432

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY S/C PERMIT & RESOURCE MGT.	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/07/2022
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 22-1007-01
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PROJECT TITLE
BENNETT RIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION – BENNETT RIDGE ROAD

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME BENNETT RIDGE FIRE SAFETY (BRFSO)	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2515-2550 BENNET RIDGE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95405
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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)	\$3,539.25	\$ _____
<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	\$ _____

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