

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
410 Jones St. Ste. C-3
Ukiah, CA 95482

County Clerk
County of: Mendocino
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

(Address)

Project Title: MCRCD Hazardous Tree Removal

Project Applicant: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
The project area includes the 2017 Redwood Complex Fire Footprint, which includes portions of the communities of Redwood Valley and Potter Valley.

Project Location - City: Redwood Valley Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of felling of hazardous trees within the footprint of the 2017 Redwood Complex Fire, which have been assessed as dead or dying by a registered professional forester or certified arborist. All trees to be felled are threatening either the public right of way or private infrastructure and need to be removed to prevent damage to life or property and ensure that evacuation routes remain clear during future fire events. All felled trees will be either chipped and broadcast on site or bucked to approximately 18 inch length pieces and left on site for landowner disposal. No stumps or root balls will be removed.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

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, Section 15304 (i)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposed project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land) as the project involves fuel management activities within 100 feet of public or private structures and/or infrastructure within an area that experiences hazardous fire conditions, the proposed activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters, and the project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees. Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the exemptions (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) apply to the project as the project location is not in a particularly sensitive environment, and the project will not lead to a cumulative or significant effect.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Joe Scriven Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 462-3664 Ext. 104

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:  Date: 4-11-2018 Title: Assistant Executive 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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