



Notice of Exemption



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Filing of Notice of Exemption in Compliance with Section 21152(b) of the Public Resources Code (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT). The filing of this Notice begins a 35-day Statute of Limitations on court challenges to this approval.

For Clerk Use Only

Project Name:

**SMC Roadside Evacuation Route
Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Spring '23**

Project Location:

SMC unincorporated Palomar Dr.; Palomar Park and Sandhill Rd Woodside

Project Number: DEM-001

Responsible Unit: SMC DEM

Description of Project:

The purpose of the project is to improve evacuation and ingress/egress routes throughout SMC public roadways. The project would thin or remove hazardous vegetation encroaching or overhanging critical roadways and power lines in the wildland urban interface, (WUI). This will reduce heat, flame, ember, and smoke impingement on roadways and nearby structures, which would enable safer and more efficient evacuations for residents and improve access for emergency personnel and firefighting apparatus. Project to be completed by June 30, 2023.

Along .75 miles of Sandhill Rd remove ladder fuels and brush encroaching into roadway. Remove 2 small eucalyptus trees. Chip material and remove chips and large trunk debris offsite.

Along 100 feet of Palomar Dr. remove 2 eucalyptus extending over the power lines, remove 3 acacia encroaching into the roadway. Chip material and remove chips and large trunk debris offsite.

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.
Class: 1,4 Section Number: 15301(c,h) and 15304(i)
- Statutory Exemptions.
Section Number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

Project is within scope of work defined by SMC Road Maintenance Plan which has an Environmental Impact Report. The work will make no alterations or additions to existing roadways or drainage infrastructure. CCR, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Title 19. The specific sections which apply are 15301(c) road maintenance, 15301(h) maintenance of existing landscape native growth, and 15304(i) Class 4 minor alteration to land, including fuel management.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David Barnett (650) 743-6687

Signature: _____

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Date: 4/12/2023

Palomar Dr. Project site

Legend

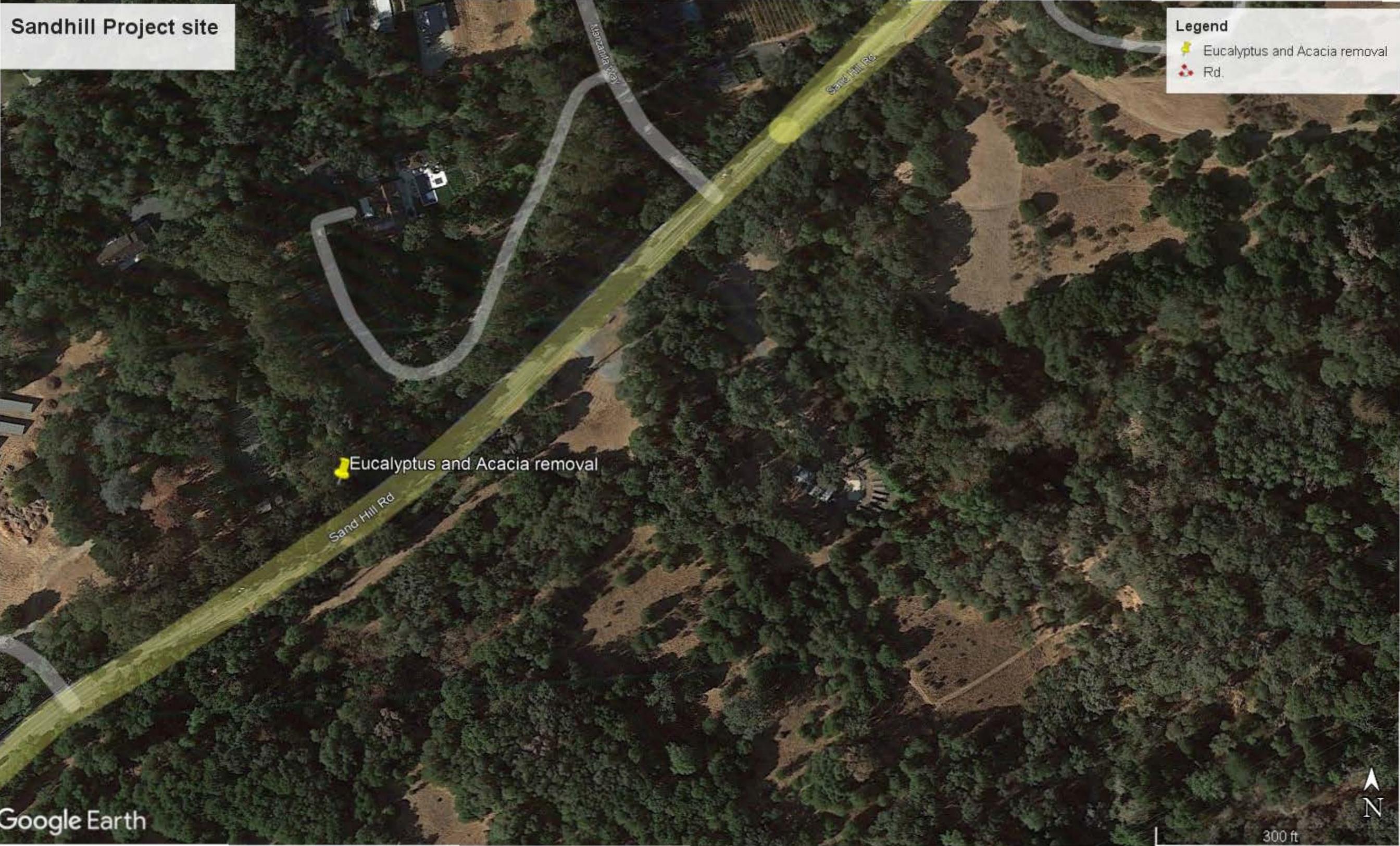
-  Eucalyptus and Acacia removal
-  Rd.



Sandhill Project site

Legend

-  Eucalyptus and Acacia removal
-  Rd.



Eucalyptus and Acacia removal

Sand Hill Rd

Marzapa Way

Sand Hill Rd



