

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
County Clerk  
County of: Santa Cruz

**From:** (Public Agency): CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife  
2825 Cordelia Rd, Ste 100  
Fairfield, CA 94534  
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(Address)

Project Title: Non-Native Tree Removal at Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander Ecological Reserve

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Project Location - Specific:

King Unit of Reserve (36.969848, -121.851569), Milsap Unit of Reserve (36.969950, -121.831473)

Project Location - City: Aptos Hills-Larkin Valley Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project will remove non-native eucalyptus trees to reduce fuel load and improve habitat for the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDFW

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CDFW, Community Tree Service

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: 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it is removing non-native trees from an officially designated wildlife management area which will result in improved habitat for wildlife.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Terris Kasteen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-336-8300

**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: *Erin Chappell* Date: 8/18/2023 Title: Regional Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_