



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: Shelterwood Shaded Fuel Break	To:	
Public Agency: Sonoma County	County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and
Project Applicant: Shelterwood Collective	County of Sonoma	Research
Applicant Address: 23500 King Ridge Rd, Cazadero, CA, 95421	585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 Santa Rosa, CA 95403	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Project Location: 23500 King Ridge Rd, Cazadero, CA, 95421		
Date of Approval: 6/12/2023		

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

Sonoma County proposes to fund fuel reduction in Cazadero's Mohrhardt Ridge area, creating a defensible ridgetop and roadside fuel break. Management activities will not exceed 100 feet of the road. This project aims to provide a fuel break to improve fire suppression activities in the vicinity of Fort Ross and Cazadero, provide a fire calming zone around a 20-building rural neighborhood, and reduce risk to a communally important redwood grove. Fuel reduction work will follow the prescription developed by a Registered Professional Forester to reduce the overall number of trees per acre and favor healthy hardwood trees. Reduction activities focus on the reduction or pruning of dead, dying, or hazardous trees and address excessive and flammable understory vegetation. Vegetation and trees will be cut at grade, with stumps remaining in place. Slash and cut material will be disposed of onsite.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions. 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 15304(i) Minor Alterations 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 100 feet of structures due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Courtney Gutman, Senior Environmental Specialist
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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: Christina Prado-Mendoza
Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 10/19/2023
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 11/19/2023

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-10192023-358

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/19/2023
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 23-1019-02
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PROJECT TITLE
SHELTERWOOD SHADED FUEL BREAK

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SHELTERWOOD COLLECTIVE	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-4232
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 23500 KING RIDGE RD	CITY CAZADERO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95421
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,839.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,764.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <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 Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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