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Appendix E

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Rm 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): RCD of Santa Cruz County
820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136
Capitola CA 95010

(Address)

Project Title: Santa Cruz County Neighborhood Chipping Program for Fuel Load Reduction and Defe

Project Applicant: General: Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Areas of Santa Cruz County

Project Location - Specific:

Defensible space clearing in WUI areas of Santa Cruz County.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated, Scotts V Project Location - County: Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This program will provide chipping services for residents who have removed vegetation from around structures and private roadside areas which complies with State-mandated defensible space requirements. All chipped material will be left onsite. The program will only direct funding to process woody material that has been cut and staged along private roads or in the 100 ft zone around the home. Project does not provide funds to remove vegetation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDS)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RCDS C C

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: Sec. 15304 Class 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This program will solely fund the chipping of woody material that has been cleared and staged at private road side areas and defensible space areas within 100 feet of WUI structures. Processed material will be left on site to be used as mulch. Clearing of vegetation will occur prior to project implementation. Fuel management activities occurring prior to the project will include no cutting of healthy, mature trees, no take of endangered, rare or threatened plant or animal species, and no significant impacts to surface waters. For the reasons stated above, this project shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Angie Richman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-205-3581

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: [Signature] Date: 7/17/23 Title: 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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