

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Urgency Ordinance Exempting the Removal of Certain Dead, Diseased or Hazardous Trees from Discretionary Review in the Coastal Zone During the Local Emergencies Related to Climate Change and Tree Mortality

Project Applicant: County of Mendocino

Project Location - Specific: Coastal Zone areas within unincorporated Mendocino County

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Urgency Ordinance is necessary in order to alleviate the effects of climate change. Climate change presents a serious threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Mendocino County and adoption of this Urgency Ordinance is needed to preserve the health and safety of the County. This ordinance is intended to better allow County residents to take measures to make themselves more resilient in the face of climate change and increased tree mortality and the disasters caused by these dangers. The purpose of this ordinance is to facilitate the removal of certain dead, diseased or hazardous trees in order to protect buildings within the Coastal Zone of Mendocino County.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21070(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.; "CEQA") pursuant to the following: Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) as an action immediately necessary to mitigate or prevent an emergency because the Ordinance establishes streamlined review procedures for Hazardous Tree Removal to reduce wildfire risk related to the tree mortality emergency and assist in combating the climate change emergency and because the anticipated time to conduct environmental review would pose a grave risk to public health, safety, and welfare, and because the action is immediately necessary to allow property owners to remove dead, diseased or hazardous trees immediately as delay would similarly pose a grave risk to public health, safety, and welfare in the face of unprecedented tree mortality and a global climate emergency.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Julia Krog, Director

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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: Julia Kwoy Date: 1/19/2024 Title: 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: _____