

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____
Santa Clara County

From: (Public Agency): Los Altos Hills County Fire District
PO Box 1766
Los Altos, CA 94023

(Address)

Project Title: 2024 I-280 Alternative Access Project

Project Applicant: Los Altos Hills County Fire District

Project Location - Specific: Black Mountain, Natoma, La Barranca, Purissima, Concepcion, Fremont and La Paloma Roads, West Wind Way, Los Altos Hills, CA

Project Location - City: Los Altos Hills Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This Project maintains three connected wildfire evacuation access routes the Black Mountain-Purissima Roads route, the Elena-Fremont Roads route, and the La Paloma Avenue route and reduces the volume of flammable vegetation along the routes to limit the uncontrolled spread of fire. The Los Altos Hills County Fire District (District) in coordination with the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, the Town of Los Altos Hills, the Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, and Caltrans will perform vegetation fuel management activities along Black Mountain Road, Natoma Road, Elena Road, La Barranca Road, Purissima Road, Concepcion Road, Fremont Road, La Paloma Road, and West Wind Way, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Altos Hills County Fire District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Altos Hills County Fire District and Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

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: Section 15304 (Class 4) – Minor Alterations; Section 15301 (Class 1) – Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project meets the requirements of the Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land, CEQA Guidelines Section 15304), which expressly exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation, and fuel management activities within 30 or 100 feet of structures. The Project also meets the requirements of the Class 1 Categorical Exemption (existing facilities), which expressly exempts the maintenance of existing public or private facilities including streets, and the maintenance of existing landscaping or native growth. There is no reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances that would preclude the use of a categorical exemption for this Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: J. Logan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-949-1044

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: *To Anne Logan* Date: 01/31/2024 Title: General 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.

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