

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): County of Santa Clara
298 Garden Hill Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Burn Operation at Calero County Park

Project Applicant: County of Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

Project Location - Specific:

Calero County Park, 21131 McKean Road, San Jose, CA 95120

Project Location - City: San Jose

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of conducting a controlled burn of approximately 165 acres of annual grassland and Oak Woodlands located within Calero County Park. Project activities include igniting dried grass, cut brush and standing non-native weeds (thistle) through a broadcast burn pattern to improve conditions for native grasses, forbs and wildflowers. The purpose of the burn is to also provide important annual fire training for all local fire agencies in Santa Clara County. This training burn will provide critical wildland fire training for approximately 150 local and state firefighters over a three-day period.

Associated activities include fire suppression with fire pump apparatus, hand tools and portable backpack pumps primarily along the burn unit perimeter. The burn area will be prepared for the burn by perimeter mowing, brush clearing, weed trimming, handlines around mature tree and some liming up of low hanging limbs to reduce canopy fire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Shelan Zuhdi

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: Article 19, Sec. 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves no expansion of use. The project will improve conditions for native growth, including native grasses, forbs and wildflowers.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shelan Zuhdi Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (669) 288-2774

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: *Kimberly Brosseau* Date: 4/17/2024 Title: Senior Planner

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: _____