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- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: County of Santa Clara, Parks and Recreation
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: shelan.zuhdi@prk.sccgov.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Moody Gulch and Summit Road Vegetation Treatment Project
4. APPLICANT NAME: Shelan Zuhdi PHONE: (669) 288-2774
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: shelan.zuhdi@prk.sccgov.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 298 Garden Hill Dr, Los Gatos CA 95066
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

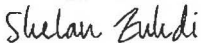
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**County of Santa Clara, California • Parks and Recreation Department
298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, California 95032 / Telephone (408) 355-2200**

Notice of Exemption from CEQA

To: County Clerk Recorder
County of Santa Clara

Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title		File
Moody Gulch and Summit Road Vegetation Treatment Project		N/A
Project Location		APN (s)
Unopened Property Summit Road Los Gatos, CA 95033	Unopened Property Santa Cruz Highway Los Gatos, CA 95033	55-85-6014, 54-44-9023, 54-43-5012, 54-44-9002
Public Agency Approving Project		Person or Agency Carrying out Project
County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department		County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department
Project Description (including purpose and beneficiaries of project)		
<p>The proposed project consists of treatments to improve forest health and increase fire resilience of the forest by manually thinning underbrush and small trees. The project is funded by a CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant (#8GG20604). The proposed treatment area within the Moody Gulch portion of the project encompasses approximately 19.2 acres, whereas the Summit Road portion of the project covers approximately 3.6 acres. Both areas are located within Santa Clara County, and total approximately 22.8 acres of treatment. In general, forest health fuels reduction activities would include retaining a mosaic of understory that considers retention standards for shrubs, herbaceous vegetation, and hydrophytic species depending on topography and fuel load, as discussed under shrub and herbaceous species retention below. In addition, a mosaic of trees would be retained to achieve approximately 75 to 150 healthy trees per acre, first removing dead, dying, and diseased trees, as well as invasive and non-native trees, and then select live trees less than or equal to 8 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) as needed to meet fuels reduction targets. No live trees greater than 8 inches DBH would be removed except for select dead, dying, or invasive and non-native trees. Snags and woody debris greater than 12 inches DBH that are at least 100 feet from roads and infrastructure depending on topography and fuel load may be retained; generally, target retention minimum per acre is 1 to 2 snags prioritizing snags with cavities for wildlife habitat and 1 to 4 downed logs at least 15 feet in length outside of defensible space as defined in the Public Resources Code (Division 4, Part 2, Section 4291 (a)(1)(A)).</p>		
Exempt Status (check one / Indicate type and State CEQA Guidelines section number):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Reasons why project is Exempt:		
<p>Class 4 is applicable to projects that consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The minor alterations to vegetation proposed by the project involve manual vegetation removal within 22.8 acres and chipping of biomass. Although tree removal would occur, it would be limited to trees where removal is necessary for forestry purposes to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health, consistent with the criteria of qualifying projects under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4). The evaluation of potential impacts of the project has been conducted and exceptions to the exemption based on location, cumulative impact, a reasonable possibility of significant effects to the environment due to unusual circumstances, scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, and historical resources do not apply to the project.</p>		
County Contact Person	Title	Telephone Number
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Signature		Date
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