

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From (Public Agency):**  
Bolinas Fire Protection District  
100 Mesa Road, P.O. Box 126, Bolinas,  
CA 94924

County Clerk County of: Marin  
Marin Civic Center  
3501 Civic Center Dr., Suite 234,  
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**Project Title:** West Marin Zone Bolinas Eucalyptus Fuel Reduction Project

**Project Applicant:** Bolinas Fire Protection District

**Project Location – Specific:** The proposed activities would be completed within 500 feet of PG&E transmission lines, with the majority of the work occurring within 50 feet of Mesa Road and Olema-Bolinas Road and at the northeast corner of a parcel belonging to the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD) in the unincorporated coastal community of Bolinas.

**Project Location – City:**  
Bolinas

**Project Location – County:**  
Marin County

### **Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Extreme storms over the past two winters have left significant dead and downed trees, branches, bark, and brushy fuels in between standing trees. These ground and ladder fuels greatly increase the risk of wildfire spreading to the overstory, endangering PG&E transmission lines and public safety. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve a key evacuation route by reducing fuel loads, in addition to reducing wildfire risks to life, property, and critical infrastructure. Additionally, the proposed project would improve the effectiveness of wildfire suppression efforts by creating defensible space along the roadsides.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Bolinas Fire Protection District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** George Krakauer

### **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));
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304(i). Minor alterations to land for fuel management activities. Section 15301. Existing Facilities for vegetation removal along roadways.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land and Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities. A Class 4-exempt project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. A Class 1-exempt project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project would remove hazardous accumulated ground and ladder fuels within 500 feet of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) transmission lines. The majority of the vegetation thinning and removal would typically occur within 50 feet of Mesa Road and Olema-Bolinas Road, which are identified as key evacuation routes in the Bolinas community. The proposed activities may involve the removal of hazardous trees that pose a risk of failure or fracture with the potential to cause injury to people or damage to property as determined by a qualified arborist or registered professional forester (RPF). The scope of the proposed project shown in Figure 1 is consistent with maintenance and minor alteration to the condition of vegetation along the evacuation routes and PG&E transmission lines.

Additionally, no healthy, mature, scenic trees would be removed; no work would take place within sensitive habitat, including ESHA, wetlands, or waterways; and no ground disturbance, such as excavation, would take place. There are no facts or circumstances specific to this project that would support an exception to the categorical exemption. No potential exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**


George Krakauer

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:**

(415) 868-1566

**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:  Date: 7/19/2024 Title: Bolinas Fire Protection District

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 1 Project Location

