

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: San Mateo

From: (Public Agency): _____
San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD)
80 Stone Pine Rd, #100, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

(Address)

Project Title: Wavecrest Eucalyptus Grove Fire Resiliency Project

Project Applicant: San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

APN: 065-011-150

Project Location - City: Half Moon Bay

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) in partnership with Coastside Land Trust, CAL FIRE and Xerces Society, proposes to do a multi-benefit vegetation treatment in a 4.5 acre eucalyptus grove on the Wavecrest bluffs in Half Moon Bay to increase community wildfire resiliency and improve monarch overwintering habitat. The project will reduce fuels to decrease the risk of fire to the local neighborhoods and infrastructure. This work will address stand health in the eucalyptus grove and create microclimatic conditions favored by monarchs and decrease the chance of the habitat being lost to fire. Removing eucalyptus saplings encroaching into the meadows will also help maintain the coastal prairie ecosystem.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: RCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RCD

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: Class 4. Section 15304. Minor alteration to land.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves minor private alterations which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, or adversely impact sensitive plant or wildlife species.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sara Polgar Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-712-7765

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: Sara Polgar Digitally signed by Sara Polgar
Date: 2024.08.22 14:22:15 -0700 Date: 8/21/2024 Title: Conservation Program Specialist

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: _____