

Notice of Exemption

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Marin Civic Center
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From (Public Agency):
Southern Marin Fire District
28 Liberty Ship Way
Sausalito, CA 94965

Project Title: Southern Marin Zone Southern Marin Forest Health and Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Southern Marin Fire District

Project Location – Specific: Primarily on two parcels in the town of Tiburon owned by the Congregation Kol Shofar and Vista Tiburon homeowners association (HOA) with some smaller portions on private properties

Project Location – City:
Town of Tiburon

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project would be to reduce fire-hazardous, invasive blue gum forest on a densely vegetated area that is adjacent to residential neighborhoods. While the proposed project would remove 8 eucalyptus trees, most of the trees within the fuel reduction area would remain, and habitat would be improved from removal of overly dense, non-native trees that pose a safety hazard. The proposed project would reduce wildfire intensity and rate of spread in the event of ignition. The proposed project would also maintain the safety and defensible space for nearby structures, including the Congregation Kol Shofar and residences. Removal of fire-hazardous, invasive species is intended to reduce fire hazards to adjacent communities as well as to decrease the potential for reinvasion of eucalyptus trees in the fuel reduction zone. Additionally, removing invasive, non-natives would provide an opportunity for native, less hazardous plant species to recolonize and restore these areas to a more natural habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Southern Marin Fire District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern Marin Fire District

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 15301, Class 1, for Existing Facilities and Section 15333, Class 33, for Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 for Existing Facilities and Section 15333, Class 33 for Small Habitat Restoration Projects. 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. A Class 33 exempt project consists of projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. The proposed project includes vegetation treatment consisting primarily of treatment of 22 eucalyptus trees on two parcels in the town of Tiburon owned by the Congregation Kol Shofar and Vista Tiburon homeowners association with some smaller portions on private properties. Approximately 8 of the 22 eucalyptus trees would be removed, and the remaining eucalyptus trees would be limbed to reduce ladder fuels within the fuel reduction zone. The scope of the proposed project shown in Figure 1 is consistent with the removal of non-native, invasive, fire-hazardous species to improve habitat conditions and reduce fire hazards within the fuel reduction zone and maintain trees and vegetation adjacent to homes to reduce public safety risks.

No work would take place within sensitive habitat, including wetlands or wetted 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 exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person:


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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: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Figure 1 Project Location

