

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Shasta County Clerk
County of Shasta
P.O. Box 990880, 1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96099-0880

FROM: City of Redding
Public Works Department
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Fire Fuels Reduction and Trash Clean-Up Project

Project Location – Specific: The project is citywide and primarily located in creek corridors and open space areas.

Project Location – City: Redding **Project Location – County:** Shasta

Description of Project: The City of Redding Police Department, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement Department will conduct a citywide fire fuels reduction and trash clean-up project. The purpose of the project is to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect and restore ecosystems on natural lands to provide climate change adaptation and resilience for wildlife. The initial industrial scale effort will require the use of small mechanized equipment to remove furniture, mattresses, appliances, and other illegally dumped debris. The second step involves hazardous vegetation reduction activity to lower the potential for fire in the wildland-urban interface. The activity will involve under story thinning and tree trimming to create and maintain shaded fuel breaks. Hazardous vegetation, including dead trees and invasive species will be removed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Andrew Atkins, Assistant Fire Marshal

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3]).
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301. Existing Facilities, and 15304. Minor Alterations to Land.
- No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRD 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2).

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 exemptions include the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, and topographical features. Class 4 exemptions consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation. The existing open space areas will be cleaned up and fire fuels will be removed to lower the potential for fire in the wildland-urban interface. Mature healthy trees will be trimmed and protected. The project will result in no expansion of use, and the project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley

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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: 9-25-2024

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
 - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: _____