

Notice of Exemption

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From (Public Agency):
Novato Fire Protection District
95 Rowland Way
Novato, CA 94945

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Project Title: Novato Zone Marin Valley Long Range Acoustic Device Warning System Project

Project Applicant: Novato Fire Protection District

Project Location – Specific: LRAD installation would occur at the Marin Valley Mobile Country Club clubhouse

Project Location – City:
City of Novato

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to install emergency alerting sirens to provide evacuation and disaster notification to residents in the Marin Valley Mobile Country Club and Hamilton community. Several fires have occurred at the Marin Valley Mobile Country Club within the last 10 years. Marin Valley Road is the only ingress/egress for residents in the community in the event of an emergency. The installation and implementation of the proposed long range acoustic device (LRAD) unit would improve the resiliency and redundancy of existing communication and LRAD systems. Evacuation and disaster notification are critical components to long term fire adaptive strategy. The installation of LRAD unit would communicate warnings, instructions, and notifications to nearby residents in the event of an emergency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Novato Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Novato Fire Protection 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: 15303. Construction of new, small structures and minor alterations for the construction of a new pole for emergency alerting sirens.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. A Class 3 exempt project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority as the responsible agency under CEQA concurs with the Novato Fire Protection District's determination that the proposed project is exempt under CEQA. The proposed project would involve the installation of emergency notification horns on a new pole at the Marin Valley Mobile Country Club. The scope of the proposed project, the location of which is shown in Figure 1, is consistent with the construction of new, small structures.

No work would take place within sensitive habitat, including wetlands or waterways. 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: *Sil Lobbl*

Date: 12/2/24

Title: Vegetation Management Program Manager

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

