

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Suite 103

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

400 Aviation Blvd., Suite 100

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(Address)

Project Title: Seaview Road Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

Project Location - Specific:

Seaview Road between Hauser Bridge Road and Fort Ross Road

Project Location - City: Cazadero

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

CAL FIRE and the Timber Cove Fire Protection District propose vegetation management along both sides of Seaview Road between Hauser Bridge Road and Fort Ross Road, within the public road right-of-way or on private lands up to 100 feet from the road edge to reduce wildfire intensity by minimizing ladder fuels and preventing ground-level fires from reaching tree canopies. All work will be done by hand using chainsaws, hand tools, and chippers. Understory vegetation (shrubs, brush, and small trees under six inches DBH at 4.5 feet) will be removed or thinned, and larger trees will be limbed so the lowest branches are at least six feet above the ground. Dead, dying, or hazardous trees may be removed or trimmed. Cut materials will be chipped, piled for burning, or left on site to decompose, with chip depth limited to one foot. Heavy equipment will remain on the road prism, and no ground-disturbing activities are proposed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CAL FIRE

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 1 Existing Facilities 15301(c) Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land 15304(i)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301(c) Maintenance of existing highways and streets and 15304(i) Minor Alterations to Land - Fuel management activities within 30 feet to 100 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The removal of dead, dying and hazardous trees is a maintenance activity of an existing public facility involving no expansion of use. The understory fuel reduction is a minor alteration to land that involves fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Johannes Hoevertsz

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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: 4/1/2025

Title: Director

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: _____

