

## Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

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### **NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**Project Title:** Stewarts Point-Skaggs Springs Road Fuels Reduction Project

**Lead Agency / County Agency of Filing:** Sonoma County

**Project Proponent (Applicant):** Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

**Applicant Address:** 400 Aviation Blvd., Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Project Location:** Portions of Stewarts Point-Skaggs Springs Road between Highway 1 to Rockpile Road

**Date of Approval:** 4/15/2025

**Exemption Filed With:** Sonoma County Clerk

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

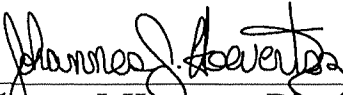
CAL FIRE, Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District and North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District propose vegetation management along both sides of Stewarts Point-Skaggs Springs Road between Highway 1 and Rockpile Road, within the public road right-of-way or on private lands up to 100 feet from 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.

#### **REASON WHY THIS 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.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

#### **Project Proponent:**

  
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