

**Notice of Determination**

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<p><b>Lead Agency, if different from above</b>  <b>Public Agency:</b> Sonoma County Resource Conservation District  <b>Address:</b> 1221 Farmers Lane, Ste F., Santa Rosa, CA 95405  <b>Contact:</b> Jason Wells, Director of Forestry  <b>Phone:</b> (707) 569-1448  <b>Email:</b> jwells@sonomarc.org</p>	<p><b>Project Proponent, if applicable</b>  <b>Title:</b> Fire Forward, Audubon Canyon Ranch  <b>Address:</b> 4900 Shoreline Hwy 1, Stinson, CA 94970  <b>Contact:</b> Sasha Berleman, Director  <b>Phone:</b> (707) 732-1586  <b>Email:</b> fireforward@egret.org</p>
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019012052

**Project Title:** Fire Forward, Audubon Canyon Ranch "Fire Management Intensive Workforce Development Program"

**Project Location:** Sonoma

**Project Description:** The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE) would be providing funding to Fire Forward, Audubon Canyon Ranch, to offer workforce development and stewardship apprenticeship training opportunities in forestry, fire agency, fuels management, and prescribed fire applications. Upcoming training, including manual thinning and prescribed fire will occur on up to 527 acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands on the Bouverie Wildflower Preserve located east of Glen Ellen in Sonoma County. The Sonoma Resource Conservation District has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and addendum for fuel break and ecological restoration treatments as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Bouverie Cal VTP# 2024-06 Project. The proposed treatment types (i.e., fuel break and ecological restoration) and treatment activities (i.e., prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, manual treatments, prescribed herbivory, and herbicide application) are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR.

This is to advise that CAL FIRE ( Lead Agency  Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on February 20, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Program Environmental Impact Report (CalVTP Program EIR) was previously prepared (SCH# 2019012052) pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. A Project Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum was prepared for the Bouverie Cal VTP# 2024-06 Project. This analysis determined the project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR and consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2).
4. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and adopted for this project by CAL FIRE.

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 Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Bouverie Cal VTP# 2024-06 Project PSA and Addendum and record of project approval for the CalVTP Program EIR are available to the public on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection webpage with the environmental documentation associated with individual approved CalVTP projects: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp-homepage-and-storymap/>.

**Signature:**   
John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director  
Resource Management  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Date: 2/21/2025

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