

Notice of Determination

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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: Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Vegetation Treatment Project

Project Location: Sonoma Land Trust Preserves, Sonoma County and Napa County

Project Description: The Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District (District) proposes to implement vegetation treatments on up to 1,350 acres of land within Sonoma Land Trust's Little Black Mountain Preserve, Pole Mountain Preserve, and Laufenberg in Napa County, and Live Oaks Ranch Preserve in Sonoma and Napa counties. The District will enter into a partnership with Sonoma Land Trust to implement the proposed treatments. The District has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum to the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR, consider the expansion of treatments outside the treatable landscape analyzed in the CalVTP PEIR, and provide environmental information to the District and Sonoma Land Trust in compliance with CEQA. Proposed treatment types are fuel break and ecological restoration treatments. Proposed treatment activities are mechanical and manual treatments, herbicide application, and prescribed burning. The Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum was prepared to evaluate the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP PEIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the District (Lead Agency) approved the above-described project on March 17, 2022 and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP PEIR 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 PEIR.
 - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in project areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape are within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
 - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address the project areas outside the geographic extent presented in the PEIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP PEIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by the District for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by the District for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Sonoma Land Trust Preserves Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District website:
<https://www.northernsonomacountyfire.org/environmental-review-documents>

Signature: Paul J. Bernier Title: Board President – Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District
Date: March 17, 2022

Dated Received for filing at OPR:
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources
Code Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.