



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Date: July 12, 2022
State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052
Project Title: **Greater Ross Valley Shaded Fuel Break Project**
CEQA Responsible Agency: Marin County Parks and Open Space District
Project Applicant: Marin County Parks and Open Space District
Project Location (include county): Open Space Preserves, Marin County

Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Divide, Loma Alta, White Hill, Cascade Canyon, Bald Hill, Baltimore Canyon, King Mountain, Blithedale Summit, Camino Alto, Alto Bowl, and Ring Mountain

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Background: The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board of Forestry) was the CEQA Lead Agency for the California Vegetation Treatment Program’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (CalVTP PEIR), which directs implementation of vegetation treatments within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) and for which a Notice of Determination was filed on December 30, 2019. For the proposed Greater Ross Valley Shaded Fuel Break Project, the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) is a project proponent and prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum consistent with CEQA and the process outlined in the CalVTP PEIR. Consistency with the CalVTP PEIR is demonstrated through preparation by the project proponent of a Project Specific Analysis (PSA) analyzing proposed activities. Proposed projects must overlap the “treatable landscape” as defined by CalFire and may extend beyond the treatable landscape but are consistent with treatment types and treatment activities covered by the CalVTP PEIR may prepare a joint PSA and PEIR Addendum for the project, such as with the proposed project. MWPA met with CalFire staff who confirmed that the proposed project and the approach of conducting CEQA analysis through a PSA and PEIR Addendum were consistent with the CALVTP PEIR process. The MWPA Board of Directors adopted Resolution #2022-011 on June 19, 2022 that the proposed project qualifies as an activity within the scope of the CalVTP and PEIR and adopted the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and approved the proposed project. The MWPA filed a Notice of Determination on the PSA after their Board’s approval. The proposed project would be implemented on private and public lands including lands managed by the Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD), and therefore the MCOSD is a “Project Proponent¹” as defined in the CalVTP PEIR and is a Responsible Agency pursuant to CEQA and is filing this Notice of Determination in that capacity.

Project Description: The proposed project is a MWPA Core Project developed in collaboration with the Central Marin Fire Department (Central Marin Fire), the Ross Valley Fire Department, Kentfield Fire Protection District, and Marin County Fire Department. The goal of the proposed project is to create and maintain a continuous reduced-fuel and forest-health-restoration zone around the communities in Central Marin. The proposed project would involve conducting vegetation management activities to create an approximately 38-mile-long continuous shaded fuel break within a 1,379-acre area. Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fuel reduction areas up to 497 acres adjacent to the fuel break may also be treated, of which 326 acres are on MCOSD lands in the open space preserves listed above.

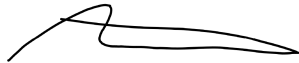
¹ For the purposes of implementing the CalVTP, a project proponent is a public agency that provides funding for vegetation treatment or has land ownership, land management, or other regulatory responsibility in the treatable landscape and is seeking to fund, authorize, or implement vegetation treatments consistent with the CalVTP. If through the Project Specific Analysis (PSA) a project proponent determines that a proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR, then the project proponent would act as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA. A regulatory agency seeking to use the CalVTP PEIR to issue any secondary approval or permit for vegetation treatments would also be a responsible agency.

This is to advise that the MCOSD, as a Responsible Agency through the MCOSD Board of Directors, has approved the above-described project on JULY 12, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Project Specific Analysis was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigations measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Project Specific Analysis with comments and responses and record of project approval, and the associated California Vegetation Treatment Program's Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, is available to the General Public at the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority administrative office located at 28 Liberty Ship Way, Ste 2800; Sausalito, CA 94965.

Signature:



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Marin County Parks and Open Space District**

Date: July 12, 2022

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