

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: Camp Tamarancho Fuel Reduction and Community Protection Project

Project Location: Boy Scouts of America Camp Tamarancho property, Marin County

Project Description: The Marin County Fire Department (Marin Fire), in partnership with the County of Marin Community Development Agency (County of Marin), is proposing vegetation treatments on up to 410 acres of private property owned and managed by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), known as Camp Tamarancho, and located directly northwest of the Town of Fairfax. The project would involve vegetation treatments consistent with the objectives of the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP). Marin Fire, in partnership with the County of Marin, has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) for the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR).

As defined by the CalVTP process, the County of Marin is the Project Proponent, and Marin Fire is a project partner. For purposes of CEQA compliance, Marin Fire serves as the responsible agency that must approve the project. Marin Fire would facilitate implementation of the proposed project.

The objectives of the proposed project are improving critical evacuation routes and access and ingress for emergency responders; reducing wildfire intensity and rates of fuel ignitability by decreasing fuel loads; and protecting all facility and camping areas. The proposed project involves two CalVTP vegetation treatment types: fuel breaks and ecological restoration. Treatment activities are those specific actions that are applied singularly or in combination to achieve the desired condition within each treatment type. The CalVTP vegetation treatment activities proposed to implement each of these treatment types are mechanical vegetation treatment, manual vegetation treatment, prescribed burning, and herbicide application.

Treatment crews on-site would range in size depending on the treatment activity, from up to four crews of between 12 and 14 crew members each for prescribed burning treatments depending on the size and site characteristics of the burn unit. Mechanical and manual vegetation treatment would involve up to four crews of approximately 12 to 16 members each, and herbicide application could require a 12 to 14-person crew for larger treatment areas. Although there is the potential for prescribed burning to occur during nighttime and weekend hours, all manual, mechanical, and herbicide treatment activities and associated equipment use would be limited to daytime hours. Treatments would begin in 2023 or as soon as possible thereafter, as resources are available to implement the initial treatment and ongoing maintenance.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that Marin Fire (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) approved the above-described project on October 4, 2023, and has made the following determinations related to the PSA:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Camp Tamarancho Fuel Reduction and Community Protection Project PSA (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. 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. The proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
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. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by Marin Fire for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by Marin Fire for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR.

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

This is to certify that the Camp Tamarancho Fuel Reduction and Community Protection Project PSA and record of project approval is available to the general public on the Board of Forestry website: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp/>.

Signature: _____
Title: Fire Chief
Date: 10/4/23

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