

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
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To: County Clerk - County of San Mateo
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From:
San Mateo Resource Conservation District (lead agency)
80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 100
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: La Honda Fuel Break Project

Project Location: La Honda, CA

Project Description:

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) is proposing the La Honda Fuel Break Project (Project) in the south coast region of San Mateo County, which will include vegetation treatments across up to 661 acres, with approximately 230 acres scheduled for treatment in the next 3 years. RCD has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis and CEQA Addendum to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the California Vegetation Treatment Program EIR (CalVTP PEIR), consider revisions or changes to the PEIR that would expand its coverage to include all project areas, and provide environmental information on the proposed project. Treatment types would include fuel breaks, WUI fuel reduction. Treatment activities may include prescribed burning, manual and mechanical thinning, and herbicide application. The purpose of these treatments will be to reduce fuel along strategic corridors to improve access for firefighting and evacuation, and potentially slow the spread of a wildfire.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the San Mateo Resource Conservation District Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on May 23rd, 2024 and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project (will []will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The La Honda Fuel Break PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR (SCH# 2019012052) (was []was not) 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 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 []are not) 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 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 []were not) made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP PEIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements (will []will not) be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR (was []was not) reaffirmed for this project by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
7. Findings (were []were not) made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the La Honda Fuel Break Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR and record of project approval are available to the general public via San Mateo Resource Conservation District at 80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 100, Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019. The custodian of these documents is Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director. Please contact Kellyx Nelson at kellyx@sanmateorcd.org or (650) 712-7765 to arrange document viewing.

Signature:



Timothy Federal

Title: Program Manager, Forest Health and Fire Resiliency

Date: May 23rd, 2024

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.