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**Notice of Exemption**

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Marin Civic Center  
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**From (Public Agency):** 21-202-080  
City of San Rafael  
1400 Fifth Ave.  
San Rafael, CA 94901

**Project Title:** San Rafael Zone South San Rafael Hill Fuel Reduction Project

**Project Applicant:** City of San Rafael

**Project Location – Specific:** Fuel reduction within south San Rafael Hill in the City of San Rafael

**Project Location – City:**  
City of San Rafael

**Project Location – County:**  
Marin County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the vegetation thinning and removal is to create a fuel reduction zone between historic buildings and structures and open space areas with the intention of limiting potential ignition, reducing the spread of a wildlife, and providing defensible space in the event of a wildfire.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of San Rafael

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of San Rafael

**Exempt Status (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304(i). Minor alterations to land for fuel management activities.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 for Minor Alterations to Land. A Class 4 exempt project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project would involve vegetation reduction activities through the application of manual vegetation removal on non-native annual grassland and oak woodland communities. The scope of the project is consistent with a minor alteration to the condition of the vegetation at the fuel reduction zones as shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1 [Project Location]

