

Notice of Exemption

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From (Public Agency):
Novato Fire Protection District
95 Rowland Way
Novato, CA 94945

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Project Title: Novato Zone HOA Defensible Space and City of Novato Open Space Project

Project Applicant: Novato Fire Protection District

Project Location – Specific: Structures and roadways within the City of Novato and Novato HOAs-owned open spaces

Project Location – City:
Novato

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce fuel in the City of Novato-owned open space, HOA common areas, and private lands with the intention of increasing defensible space for habitable structures and roadways that abut the open space areas, reducing the amount of non-native fire-hazardous vegetation, and reducing the potential for large crown fires to occur in open space areas. By creating a contiguous buffer between neighborhoods and open space lands, implementation of the proposed project would slow wildfire spread, reduce wildfire intensity, extend the time residents would have to evacuate, and provide firefighters better access to the fire’s edge should a wildfire occur.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Novato Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Novato Fire Protection District

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. 15301. Existing Facilities maintenance and minor alterations for vegetation removal along roadways.
- 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 and Section 15301, Class 1, for Existing Facilities. A Class 4 exempt project consists of minor public or private alterations in the

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