

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk County of: Marin
Marin Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Dr., Suite 234,
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From (Public Agency):
Southern Marin Fire District
28 Liberty Ship Way
Sausalito, CA 94965

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MARIN COUNTY CLERK
BY: SC, Deputy

Project Title: Mill Valley Paved Road Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Southern Marin Fire District

Project Location – Specific: Vegetation thinning along roadways within the City of Mill Valley

Project Location – City:
City of Mill Valley

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve vegetation clearance along paved roadways in Mill Valley to provide better access for first responders and emergency vehicles and safer evacuation for residents. The proposed project would also improve access by reducing heat, flame, ember, and smoke impingement on the roadway for evacuating residents in the event of an approaching wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Southern Marin Fire District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern Marin Fire 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 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 15301, Class 1 for Existing Facilities and Section 15304, Class 4 for Minor Alterations to Land. A Class 1 exempt project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. 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

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healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The proposed project would involve vegetation thinning and removal within up to 30 feet of the road edges along 49.3 miles in the city of Mill Valley, shown in Figure 1. The scope of the proposed project is consistent with a minor alteration to the condition of the vegetation along the routes and maintenance of the existing roadways.


Additionally, no healthy, mature, scenic trees would be removed; no work would take place within sensitive habitat, including wetlands or waterways; and no ground disturbance, such as excavation, would take place. There are no facts or circumstances specific to this project that would support an exception to the categorical exemption. No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person:
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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
Yes No

Signature:  Date: 2-13-24 Title: Fire Inspector

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Figure 1 Project Location

