

**Notice of Exemption**

21-2024-36

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
County Clerk County of: Marin  
Marin Civic Center  
3501 Civic Center Dr., Suite 234,  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**From (Public Agency):**  
Southern Marin Fire District  
28 Liberty Ship Way  
Sausalito, CA 94965

FILED

FEB 13 2024

SHELLY SCOTT  
MARIN COUNTY CLERK  
BY: [Signature], Deputy

**Project Title:** SMFD Paved Road Fuel Reduction Project

**Project Applicant:** Southern Marin Fire District

**Project Location – Specific:** Vegetation thinning along roadways within southern Marin County.

**Project Location – City:**  
Tamalpais-Homestead Valley, Mill Valley,  
Strawberry, Alto, Almonte, Muir Woods  
Park, Sausalito

**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 roadways 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,

POSTED 2/13/24 TO 3/14/24

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 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 89.9 miles of roadways in the Tamalpais-Homestead Valley, City of Mill Valley, Strawberry, Alto, Almonte, Muir Woods Park, and City of Sausalito communities 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.

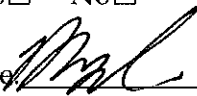
Additionally, no healthy, mature, scenic trees would be removed; no work would take place within sensitive habitat, including wetlands or waterways; and no ground disturbance, such as excavation, would take place. There are no facts or circumstances specific to this project that would support an exception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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**  
Madison Mead

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:**  
415-388-8184

**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

