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

Project Title: SMFD Faved 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 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));
- □ 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.

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BY: ______________________, Deputy

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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: __________________________