

Notice of Exemption

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From (Public Agency):
Southern Marin Fire District
28 Liberty Ship Way
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Project Title: Southern Marin Fire District Hazardous Tree Removal Project

Project Applicant: Southern Marin Fire District(SMFD)

Project Location – Specific: The proposed project site is located in Tamalpais Valley at 309 Poplar Street, Mill Valley, CA

Project Location – City:
The City of Mill Valley - Unincorporated

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to remove hazardous trees in strategic locations in the Southern Marin Fire Protection District. The dense stands of unmaintained hazardous trees pose a threat to the surrounding structures and the community. If left untreated, the locations could lead to rapid transmission of any wildfire. By reducing the number of hazardous in and around the District will enhance efforts for public safety.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SMFD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SMFD

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 Southern Marin Fire District (SMFD) has determined that the Southern Marin Zone Hazardous Tree Removal Project (project) is categorically exempt under the 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 condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. 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. The proposed project would involve vegetation thinning and removal of hazardous

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trees identified by SMFD in the Southern Marin Zone. 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 shown in Figure 1. The trees identified for treatment are located within the very high fire severity zone.

The following analysis demonstrates the proposed project would not result in adverse environmental effects, supporting the SMFD's determination that the proposed activities are categorically exempt under CEQA. The proposed project would be conducted in compliance with applicable federal, State, and local regulations and under contractual provisions prohibiting work in violation of applicable regulations and plans.

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: 1-18-2024 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

