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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 Zone Tamalpais Valley/Homestead Fuel Break Project

Project Applicant: Southern Marin Fire District

Project Location – Specific: The proposed fuel break would be located within the Golden Gate National Recreational Area, Homestead Valley Land Trust, and the communities of Tamalpais Valley and Homestead.

Project Location – City:
Tamalpais Homestead Valley

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to establish and maintain a defensible space zone along the perimeter of the Tamalpais Valley and Homestead residential hillside communities in high fire danger zones. These communities are located along steep slopes, where any wildfire would rapidly escalate, and fire suppression activities would be challenging due to limited road access. By creating a shaded fuel break, the proposed project would extend evacuation times for the community, slow fire intensity, and provide firefighters better access to the fire's edge if a wildfire were to occur.

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
- 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. 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 reduction activities within 100 feet of structures along the perimeter of the Homestead and Tamalpais Valley residential hillside communities. The scope of the proposed project is consistent

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with a minor alteration to the condition of the vegetation along the Homestead and Tamalpais Valley communities shown in Figure 1.

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:

5/16/22

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.

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Figure 1 Fuel Reduction Area

