



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Cattle Hill Fuels Reduction Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Pacifica	COUNTY	San Mateo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is a component of the Fire Safe SMC Hazardous Fuel Program Project in San Mateo County. The project proposes to reduce the hazardous fuels on the Cattle Hill Open Space within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) by removing dead and diseased trees that are within 200 feet of the homes adjacent to the open space. The project activity is the felling and removal of 65 dead or dead dying trees from the hillsides within a three-acre area. The trees will be felled by hand crews with chainsaws on the hillside. The cut material will be hoisted off the hillside by a grapple equipped crane parked on the public street. Once the material has been brought down to the road it will be fed into a chipper, and then the chips will be loaded on to dump trucks to haul off-site.

The mobile crane, chipper, and dump trucks equipment will remain on and drive on existing paved public streets with most of the equipment working around the west end of Ursula Ave. No grading or excavation is planned.

EXEMPTION STATUS

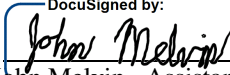
- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The work proposed is a minor alteration to vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is consistent with Categorical Exemption Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land. No activity is proposed that is listed as a limitation under CCR 15300.2 (a-f).

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, utilities and service systems and wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018.

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John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director Date 3/17/2022
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