



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE	Teague Hill Neighborhood Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Woodside	COUNTY	San Mateo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce fuel loads and vertical and horizontal fuel continuity within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) in a densely-populated area of the Town of Woodside. Additionally, fuel reduction activities will occur adjacent to a water tank access road to protect access during an emergency. Fuel reduction treatments will be used to create a mosaic of retained vegetation on up to 17 acres within the Teague Hill Preserve – Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District. The project proposes to reduce horizontal and vertical continuity of surface and ladder fuels within the WUI through the use of hand crews, chippers, burn piles, herbicide, and masticators. Fuel reduction will include the treatment of grasses, forbs, brush, small live trees (<10 inches DBH), dead and dying trees, and downed, dead material. Portions of the proposed project area are covered with extremely dense brush, high-density conifer regeneration, and heavy concentrations of dead and down material resulting from sudden oak death and recent drought conditions.

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 which 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/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. 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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