

CEQA Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136
Capitola, CA 95010

Clerk of the Board
701 Ocean Street, Rm 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: Cliffwood Estates Ladder Fuels Reduction

Project Locations – General: West of Cliffwood Estates Mobile Home Park

Project Locations – City: Soquel, CA **Project Locations - County:** Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This ladder fuels reduction project will serve to benefit the residents of Cliffwood Estates Mobile Home Park and surrounding communities by clearing decades of accumulated downed material and understory vegetation in an adjacent eucalyptus grove that is highly vulnerable to crown fire. The project will remove juvenile eucalyptus (8" DBH and less) and understory brush, stump treat cut eucalyptus, prune branches to a height of 8 to 10', and remove large accumulations of downed woody material (up to approximately 8" in diameter). All of the cut material will be chipped and spread within the project footprint (2.6 acres).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RCDSCC/CAL FIRE

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));
 Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15304 Class 4)
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

Reasons why project is exempt:


This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sec. 15304 Minor Alterations to Land for the following reasons: No healthy, mature, or scenic trees will be removed, no take of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species will occur, and there will be no significant impacts to surface waters. For the reasons stated above, this project shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lizzy Eichorn

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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: 12/18/19 Title: Program Specialist

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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