



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Creekside Park Fuel Reduction		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Sections 29, 32 T7N R5E - Humboldt Base & Meridian	<b>COUNTY</b>	Humboldt
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Project proposes to remove accumulations of hazardous fire fuels in an area notorious for illegal trespass camping. This project has crews utilizing hand tools, weed eaters, chainsaws, and a bumper pull chipper to reduce fuels using a combination of treatments including weed whacking, brush removal, limb removal, chipping, lop and scatter, and the felling of small trees within project boundaries. Tree removal will be focused on suppressed immature understory trees with treatments focused on separating the continuity of their crowns or eliminating their ladder fuel characteristics. The maximum tree diameter for removal is 6 inches. Mature trees will be limbed to reduce ladder fuels. Site disturbance will be limited to this minor modification of vegetation. These fuel management activities will reduce the volume and arrangement of flammable vegetation providing the community with increased fire resiliency and safer egress/ingress access roads.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1, 4 §15301 Existing Facilities, §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**

This project fits within the descriptions of Class 1 and Class 4 Categorical Exemptions described in CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR §15301 and §15304) pertaining to Existing Facilities and Minor Alterations to Land. This project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.


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 CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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