

Notice of Exemption 21-2024-145

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From (Public Agency):
Marinwood Community Service District
775 Miller Creek Road
San Rafael, CA 94903-1323

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Project Title: San Rafael Zone Marinwood Vegetation Management Project

Project Applicant: Marinwood Community Service District

Project Location – Specific: Open space areas and parks within the Marinwood Community Service District (refer to Figure).

Project Location – City:
Adjacent to the City of San Rafael

Project Location – County:
Marin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to create fuel reduction zones between occupied structures and open space areas with the intention of reducing wildfire intensity and rate of spread in the event of ignition in the wildland or built environment. By creating a buffer between neighborhoods and open space lands, the project would also provide defensible space for fire suppression crews to safely defend communities from wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Marinwood Community Service District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Marinwood Community Service 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 project would involve vegetation reduction activities through vegetation clearance and removal up to 200 feet from occupied structures in open space areas. The scope of the project is consistent with a minor alteration to the condition of the vegetation around these

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structures shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** 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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District

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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: 8/12/2024 Title: DISTRICT MANAGER

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Figure 1 Fuel Reduction Areas

Blackstone Open Space Fuel Reduction

