

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma RCD

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma RCD
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

(Address)

Project Title: Bartholomew Park Fuel Reduction

Project Applicant: Frank H Bartholomew Foundation

Project Location - Specific:

1695 Castle Road, Sonoma, CA

Project Location - City: Sonoma

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project aims to rehabilitate lands burned in 2017 Nuns Fire and reduce hazardous fuel loading by treating dead and downed woody vegetation and thinning brush. Project specific analysis was completed in tandem with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and is on file at the RCD.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma RCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Frank H Bartholomew Foundation

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. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alteration to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in PRC§753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for at most impacts that are less than significant to the environment, having provided adequate measures for avoidance of sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jason Wells, RPF#3014

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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: July 24, 2024 Title: Executive Director

■ 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: _____