



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-05272025-202

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/27/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0527-02	

PROJECT TITLE
GROVE STREET SHADED FUEL BREAK

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SONOMA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 7077091448 EXT 118
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1221 FARMERS LANE, SUIT F	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95405

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	

☒ Exempt from fee
 ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
 ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suit F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

County Clerk
County of: Sonoma

This notice was posted on 05/27/2025
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 06/27/2025

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Project Title: Grove Street Shaded Fuel Break

Project Applicant: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: Carrie Anderson
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

Project Location - Specific:

MDM-T04N-R7W-00, MDM-T05N-R6W-00 ;along Alta Sonoma Rd, Sweet William Ct, Grove St, and Lyon

Ranch Rd

Project Location - City: Sonoma & El Verano

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Grove Street Shaded Fuel Break project encompasses 232-acres of privately owned land in the Cities of Sonoma and El Verano, within the Sonoma Creek sub-watershed. The intent of this project is to reduce wildfire risk, improve the ingress and egress of civilians and firefighters, and aid in fire suppression activities through fuel reduction treatments along 4.8-miles of road and ridgelines. The fuel break will extend 50-feet from designated roads and ridgelines on both sides, with flexibility to extend treatment up to 100 feet based on topography, vegetation density, and site-specific fire risk. Sections of land adjacent to Alta Sonoma Road, Sweet William Court, Grove Street, and Lyon Ranch Road will be treated.

Treatment activities include the cutting of trees and woody material less than 10" diameter at breast height, and disposal of woody vegetation smaller than 6" diameter at breast height (DBH) by chipping, or pile burning if the area is inspected for significant resources by a qualified professional.

Dead and downed woody material will be reduced by approximately 50% or more.

Logs over 10" DBH will not be chipped and may instead be cut and left in contact with the ground to aid decomposition. Chipped material will be evenly scattered onsite with a depth no greater than 6 inches. Residual trees, or those greater than 10" DBH, will have their lower limbs pruned up to a minim of 6 feet above the ground. Live pruning cuts shall be made at the branch collar and shall not exceed 8" in diameter, and dead limbs may be removed up to the live portion of the branch. In areas lacking overstory to promote future canopy density, small trees (<10" DBH) will be retained. In general, no more than one-third of the live crown may be removed during pruning and crown spacing must be at least 10 feet. Brush and understory vegetation may be cut as needed for access or treatment purposes. Operational limitations for watercourses shall include a no operation buffer without clearance from a qualified Registered Professional Forester or qualified biologist determining non-presence of species listed under the Federal or State Endangered Species Act.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mason Lewis/ Sonoma Valley Fire 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));
- ☒ 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 attesting 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.

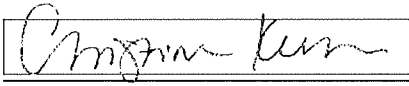
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Genevieve Tarino

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-769-1448 x 118

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: 05/27/2025 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:

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