

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Humboldt County Resource
Conservation District
5630 South Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503

Project Title: East Garberville Fuels Reduction Project

Project Location – Specific: Garberville, CA

Project Location – County: Humboldt County

Lead Agency: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

Lead Person: Jill Demers **Email:** jill@hcrd.org **Telephone:** 707-442-6058 x5

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will conduct fuels reduction to support forest health and wildfire resiliency. The project occurs on private property. Treatments will vary based on conditions present and location- specific objectives but will generally include removing hazardous vegetation, including brush and small diameter trees, to increase horizontal spacing and eliminate vertical continuity of fuels. Hazardous fuels treatments will include: chipping, lop and scattering, or pile and burning. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, improve forest health and promote resilience in natural ecosystem services.

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: Section 15304, Class 4
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304. Pursuant to Section 15304, Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project involves removal of small diameter understory trees and brush species to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of forest fuels. The trees being removed are in a suppressed state and are not considered healthy.

Review by Humboldt County Resource Conservation District staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Date Received / Posted Through



Jill Demers
Executive Director

Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

6/5/2025

Date