

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Fortuna

County Clerk

621 11th Street Fortuna CA 95540

County of: _____

(Address)

825 5th Street, 5th Floor

Eureka California 95501

Project Title: Adopt the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map from the Office of the State Fire Marshal

Project Applicant: City of Fortuna

Project Location - Specific:

City Wide

Project Location - City: Fortuna

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

FHSZ maps evaluate hazard (fire likelihood) rather than risk (actual vulnerability) and include areas or zones of Very High, High, and Moderate fire hazard. These zones are used for several purposes, including designating areas where California's defensible space standards and wildland urban interface building codes are required. They can factor in real estate disclosure, and local governments may consider them in their general plan and other land use planning and decisions. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) creates FHSZ maps and publicly publishes them for city and county officials to identify their Local Responsibility Areas

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fortuna

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Fortuna Community Development

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 15061(b)(3), section 15002(i)(1),
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The adoption and implementation of the Ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the general rule in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance also qualifies for an exemption under State CEQA Guidelines section 15002(i)(1), in that adoption of the FHSZs and map is required by Government Code section 51179(a).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shari Meads

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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: *Shari Meads* Date: 6-24-2015 Title: Community Development 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: _____