



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Ukiah's Climate Resilient Forests Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	City of Ukiah	COUNTY	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Ukiah has identified a number of ideal planting sites, both within the public right-of-way, city-owned property, and privately-owned property. These sites include existing tree wells with no established trees, tree wells that have been filled or paved, sections of sidewalk with sufficient size and width to accommodate street trees, empty planting areas or planting areas with some vegetation but no trees, and other areas including parks. The project sites are distributed across a highly developed and urbanized area that has been identified by the city as deficient in tree canopy. The project involved the planting a diverse mix of 722 trees within opportunity sites consistent with City guidelines. Preparation of certain areas will require removal of sidewalk and excavation of soils. The city, therefore, expects the use of heavy equipment including a backhoe, loader, and jackhammer to prepare planting areas. No grading or other construction activities are required to support the project.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Minor Alterations to Land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope. It has been concluded that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts will occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire risk. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Headquarters in Sacramento.

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