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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Unincorporated Alameda County Urban Forest Plan		
PROJECT LOCATION	Alameda County	**COUNTY**	Alameda
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alameda County's Community Development Agency (CDA) will develop a comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP) to equitably increase tree canopy over the next 50 years within the County's unincorporated urban communities, which currently suffer from low canopy cover, especially in disadvantaged areas. The project will engage consultants to guide the UFP's development, which includes creating a multilingual, equity-focused Community Engagement Plan, conducting assessments like a Tree Canopy Equity and Urban Heat Assessment, and updating the Recommended Tree List with climate-smart species. Crucially, the UFP will include a pilot workforce development program to engage Priority Population job seekers in developing a Public Tree Inventory, ultimately setting clear goals and metrics for tree planting, policy review, and funding needed to ensure the long-term protection and maintenance of the urban forest.

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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