

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Marin

Marin Civic Center

3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234, San Rafael, CA, 94903

From: (Public Agency): The Ross Valley Fire Department
777 San Anselmo Ave
San Anselmo, CA, 94960

(Address)

Project Title: Residential Direct Assistance Program for Defensible Space Fuel Reduction in the San Anselmo Town Limits

Project Applicant: The Ross Valley Fire Department

Project Location - Specific:

The Town of San Anselmo

Project Location - City: San Anselmo Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Residential Direct Assistance and Voluntary Abatement program sponsored by the Ross Valley Fire Department in coordination with the Town of San Anselmo, using MWPA funds will benefit residents within the San Anselmo town limits who are unable to carry out fuel reduction activities to create defensible space in compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations due to limited financial resources or other physically limiting factors. Residents in need will be identified during defensible space evaluations and invited to apply for direct assistance. Residents can also request assistance from the Ross Valley Fire Department if necessary. Work to be conducted will be identified and prescribed by the Fire Code Official or their designated representative and carried out by the Ross Valley Fire Department in coordination with the Town of San Anselmo. All vegetative debris management will be carried out by contracted crews. All work will be conducted a minimum of 100' up to 200' of structures when topographic conditions or combustible vegetation necessitate removal and follow environmental best practices.
The goal of this program is to make the Town of San Anselmo and surrounding communities more fire safe by assisting residences who cannot either physically or financially complete the work needed to remove hazardous fuels from around their homes. There is a need to provide positive stimulus to the residents to make their homes and neighboring communities more fire safe, and help to reduce the risk of a catastrophic fire damaging the community and its neighbors.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Ross Valley Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Ross Valley Fire Department

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(i), Minor alterations to land for fuel management activities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The scope of the project is consistent with fuel reduction activities outlined in categorical exemption 15304(i). Fuel reduction activities within the 200' defensible space zone are consistent with Federal, State and Local Regulations, the objectives of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, and the Marin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The mitigation activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Daniel Mahoney Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415-258-4686

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: Dan Mahoney Date: 12/29/25 Title: Fire Chief

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: _____