

Notice of Exemption from CEQA

To: County Clerk Recorder
 County of Santa Clara

Office of Planning & Research
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title	File
Evacuation Route Tributary roads network maintenance	N/A
Project Location	APN (s)
	Multiple
Public Agency Approving Project	Person or Agency Carrying out Project
Los Altos Hills County Fire District	Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, Los Altos Hills County Fire District
Project Description (including purpose and beneficiaries of project)	
<p>The Evacuation Route Tributary Roads network maintenance project consists of vegetation fuel reduction for all or portions of the secondary roads listed in attachment 1. These secondary roads treated in the project connect to the existing network of evacuation routes in the Los Altos Hills County Fire District. Maintaining these roads and limiting vegetation fuel will ensure that primary evacuation routes are effective and therefore will provide additional safe egress and ingress opportunities for residents and first responders in the event of a wildfire or other emergency requiring evacuation.</p> <p>The total length of roadways in this project is approximately 4 linear miles.</p> <p>Hand crews will use chainsaws and other mechanized and non-mechanized hand tools to remove understory vegetation and dead or downed material, prune trees and woody vegetation, and remove small, immature trees (less than 8 inches in diameter). Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees of up to 12 inches in diameter may be removed. Mowers and chippers may also be used, but only on existing roadways and established turn outs. All noninvasive treated material will be chipped and scattered in the Project area up to a depth of 3 inches. Remaining material will be removed and disposed of off-site. Material containing invasive species will be removed and disposed of off-site.</p> <p>Vegetation fuel reduction will primarily occur on public right of way controlled by the County of Santa Clara, Caltrans or the Town of Los Altos Hills, within 50 feet of the centerline of the road, within 30 feet of structures adjacent to roadways in the Project area, or within 100 feet of structures if necessary to address extra hazardous fire conditions. With appropriate landowner permission as necessary outside the public right of way, the Project will also include fuel reduction on private property adjacent to Project roadways within 30 feet of structures or within 100 feet of structures if necessary to address extra hazardous fire conditions.</p>	
Exempt Status (check one / Indicate type and State CEQA Guidelines section number):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption:	

Categorical Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines § 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4); and CEQA Guidelines § 15301 – Existing Facilities (Class 1)

Other:

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

The Project meets the requirements of the Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land, CEQA Guidelines Section 15304), which expressly exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation, and fuel management activities within 30 or 100 feet of structures. The Project also meets the requirements of the Class 1 Categorical Exemption (existing facilities), which expressly exempts the maintenance of existing public or private facilities including streets, and the maintenance of existing landscaping or native growth.

Project implementation will result in minor alterations to the land, including fuel management activities, that will not significantly impact a scenic vista, scenic resources, or the existing visual character or quality of public views, biological and/or cultural resources, and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees for any purpose. Project implementation also involves maintenance of existing roadways, landscaping, and native growth. Vegetation treatment prescriptions are consistent with industry best practices for vegetation management and defensible space and will be approved by LAHCFD prior to implementation.

All work will occur within or immediately adjacent to an established roadway, within 30 feet of structures, or within 100 feet of structures if necessary to address extra hazardous fire conditions. Project activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion or sedimentation of surface waters. Project activities will not damage scenic resources within officially designated state scenic highways.

There is no reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances that would preclude the use of a categorical exemption for this Project. Documentation of the environmental review completed by staff is kept on file with the District.

County Contact Person	Title	Telephone Number
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Attachment 1

Tributaries location list

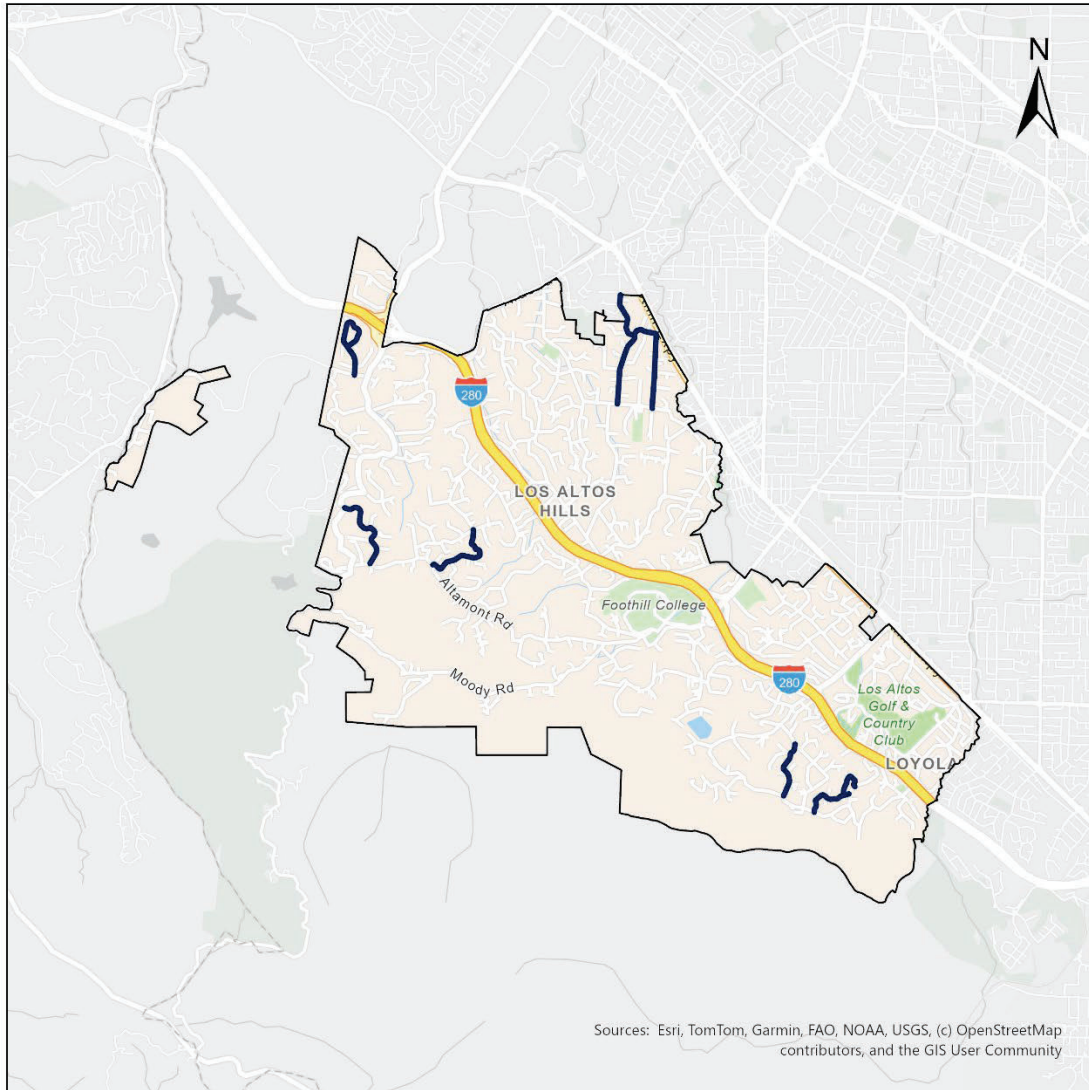
- Natoma Road: From Altamont Road (37.3655226, -122.1567755) to Black Mountain Road (37.3692195, -122.1516347). Approximately 0.6 linear miles, 1.2 treated miles.
- Manuella Road from W Fremont Road (37.3824677, -122.1332429) to Springhill Drive (37.3932481, -122.1331162). Approximately 0.8 linear miles, 1.5 linear miles (only treating west side of Manuella Road along district boundary from.)
- Manuella Avenue from Springhill Drive (37.3932481, -122.1331162) to the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Boundary (37.3937412, -122.1330819). Approximately 0.03 linear miles, 0.03 treated miles (only treating west side of Manuella Avenue along district boundary.)
- Estacada Drive: From Manuella Road (37.3896430, -122.1312425) to Miranda Road (37.3897702, -122.1283944). Approximately 0.2 linear miles, 0.4 treated miles.
- Miranda Road: From Estacada Drive (37.3897702, -122.1283944) to W Fremont Road (37.3820551, -122.1286715). Approximately 0.5 linear miles, 1 treated mile.
- Briones Way: From Altamont Road (37.3654864, -122.1648579) to Via Ventana Way (37.3692541, -122.1649281). Approximately 0.3 linear miles, 0.6 treated miles.
- Via Ventana Way: From Briones Way (37.3692541, -122.1649281) to Page Mill Road (37.3712271, -122.1683588). Approximately 0.3 linear miles, 0.6 treated miles.
- Liddicoat Drive: From Arastradero Road (37.3849274, -122.1673579) to Liddicoat Circle (37.3878545, -122.1683447). Approximately 0.2 linear miles, 0.4 treated miles.
- Liddicoat Circle: The complete loop beginning and ending at Liddicoat Drive (37.3878545, -122.1683447). Approximately 0.4 linear miles, 0.8 treated miles.
- Berkshire Drive: From W Loyola Drive (37.3405996, -122.1067904) to W Loyola Drive (37.3425801, -122.1023836). Approximately 0.4 linear miles, 0.8 treated miles.
- Eloise Circle: From Berkshire Drive (37.3423950, -122.1030511) to W Loyola Drive (37.3433429, -122.1015983). Approximately 0.2 linear miles, 0.4 treated miles.
- Camino Hermoso Drive: From Ravensbury Avenue (37.3476469, -122.1094532) to Magdalena Road (37.3422491, -122.1108206). Approximately 0.4 linear miles, 0.8 treated miles.

Total treated miles 4.03

Attachment 1

Tributaries location list

Evacuation Route Tributaries Map



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|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| — BRIONES WAY | — NATOMA RD | — MIRANDA RD | □ LAHCFD Boundary | 0 0.25 0.5 Miles |
| — VIA VENTANA | — ESTACADA DR | — BERKSHIRE DR | | |
| — LIDDICOAT CIR | — MANUELA AVE | — ELOISE CIR | | |
| — LIDDICOAT DR | — MANUELLA RD | — CAMINO HERMOSO | | |







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