

This notice was posted on 05/08/2026 and will remain posted for a period of 30 days through 06/07/2026 Receipt No. 20-05082026-035 Doc. No. 2026035. **Notice of Exemption** Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Clerk-Recorder **Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Madera County
200 W. Fourth Street
Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): Madera County
200 W. Fourth Street
Madera, CA 93637

(Address)

Project Title: Dorstan WUI Community Protection Plan, Phase I, Egress Access

Project Applicant: Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council

Project Location - Specific:
Dorstan Drive, Ponderosa Way, South Ponderosa Way, Alta Vista, Bridge Road

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Madera County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The proposed project consists of vegetation management and fuel reduction activities within the existing Madera County roadway right-of-way along Dorstan Road, Ponderosa Way, South Ponderosa Way, and Bridge Road. Project implementation is anticipated to begin on or after May 30, 2026, and will be completed by November 2026. Activities will occur within previously disturbed and maintained roadway corridors and will include selective pruning and removal of vegetation to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels and improve emergency access and evacuation routes. Treatment methods will consist of hand crews and/or light equipment to perform limbing of trees, removal of ladder fuels, and reduction of understory vegetation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Madera County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council

- 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:** Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land (CEQA Guidelines §15304)
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land), which includes minor alterations to vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes. The project consists of minor vegetation management within an existing disturbed roadway right-of-way and includes no ground disturbance, no expansion of use, and no significant environmental impacts. The project has been reviewed for exceptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and none apply.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Tristan Shamp Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-675-7703

- 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: Tristan Shamp Date: 05/07/2026 Title: County Grants Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 20-05082026-035
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY MADERA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL tristan.shamp@maderacounty.com	DATE 05/08/2026
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MADERA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026035
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PROJECT TITLE
 DORSTAN WUI COMMUNITY PROTECTION PLAN, PHASE I, EGRESS ACCESS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EASTERN MADERA COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL info@easternmaderacountyfiresafecouncil.	PHONE NUMBER (559) 917-7370
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 50286 BARCUS CIRCLE	CITY COARSEGOLD	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93614
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Anne Marks Shitanishi, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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