

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is located 2 miles south of downtown Occidental and will encompass approximately 64 acres of forestland across 8 properties east of Bohemian Highway. The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous forestland fuels and improve forest resilience to disease and wildfire. Project area slopes are moderate (20-40 degrees), with generally northwest-facing aspect. Vegetation is primarily a coast redwood alliance forest. The Project involves removing trees 1"-14" diameter at breast height to reduce the total trees per acre and improve growth of residual trees in this size class; limbing of residual trees to reduce wildfire ladder fuel load; reduction of the height of woody understory vegetation to reduce wildfire ladder fuel load; pile and burning of resulting woody material. Work will be completed using hand crews, hand tools and chainsaws. The project will avoid impacts to sensitive resources, retain mature trees, and support long-term forest health and fire resilience. Work is anticipated to take place June 2026 – April 2027.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: *A. Fagan*                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_                      Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_