# Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research
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Marin Civic Center
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**From** (Public Agency)**:**
Southern Marin Fire District
28 Liberty Ship Way
Sausalito, CA 94965

**Project Title:** Southern Marin Zone Tamalpais Homestead Valley Expansion Fuel Break Project

**Project Applicant:** Southern Marin Fire District

**Project Location – Specific:** Within 200 feet from structures in the Tamalpais-Homestead Valley

**Project Location – City:**
Tamalpais Homestead Valley

**Project Location – County:**
Marin County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**
The purpose of the proposed project is to establish and maintain a defensible space zone along the perimeter of the Tamalpais-Homestead Valley residential hillside communities in high fire danger zones. These communities are located along steep slopes, where any wildfire would rapidly escalate, and fire suppression activities would be challenging due to limited road access. By creating a shaded fuel break, the proposed project would extend evacuation times for the community, slow fire intensity, and provide firefighters better access to the fire's edge if a wildfire were to occur.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Southern Marin Fire District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern Marin Fire District

**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));
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code (PRC) sections 21080.49(c) and 21080.49(d)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**
The project is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code (PRC) sections 21080.49(c) and 21080.49(d). A project exempt in accordance with PRC section 21080.49(c) involves establishment or enhancement of residential home hardening or defensible space for wildfire risk reduction within 200 feet of a legal structure located in a high or very high wildfire hazard zone, and under section 21080.49(d), consists of a fuel break that extends up to 200 feet from

structures, including the clearance of flammable vegetation and trees less than 12 inches in diameter as measured at chest height. The proposed project would remove hazardous accumulated ground, ladder fuels, and hazard trees within up to 200 feet of structures in Tamalpais-Homestead Valley to create a fuel break. The scope of the proposed project shown in Figure 1 is consistent with a fuel break and enhanced defensible space that extends up to 200 feet from structures.

| **Lead Agency Contact Person:** | **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** |
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| Marshall Nau | 415-847-3903 |

**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: *Marshall Nau* Date: 09/21/2026 Title: Deputy Fire Marshal - SMFD

☒ 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: _____

**Figure 1 Project Location**

