

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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County of Monterey
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

From: County of Monterey
Public Works, Facilities & Parks
Department of Public Works
1441 Schilling Pl, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

SEP 23 2026

Project Title: 2026 CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant

Project Applicant: County of Monterey

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Project Location – Specific: All County maintained roads within Monterey County, CA that are also within Very High, High and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Areas. Locations include the unincorporated communities of Pajaro, Prunedale, Las Lomas, Carmel Valley, Arroyo Seco, San Lucas, Jolon, San Ardo and Bradley.

Project Location – City: The equipment will be deployed across County-maintained roadways, evacuation routes, and high wildfire-risk areas serving communities including North County, the Salinas Valley, the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, and South Monterey County.

Project Location – County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The County of Monterey proposes to acquire two CAT 299D3 XE Land Management Units, one Mower Max, and two equipment trailers to support vegetation management, roadway clearance, and emergency access in high wildfire-risk areas. The equipment will support evacuation routes and communities throughout Monterey County, benefiting residents, businesses, visitors, and emergency responders by improving roadway access and wildfire preparedness.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Monterey

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Monterey, Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP)

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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c)
☐ Statutory Exemption: State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

The project is to purchase wildfire prevention equipment within the existing public right-of-way and involves no expansion of the existing use of the roadway facility.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Randell Ishii

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 755-4742

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: Randell Ishii Date: 23 September 2026 Title: Director of PWFP

☐ Signed by Applicant ☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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