

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Santa Clara
County Clerk Recorder's Office
110 W. Tasman Dr, San Jose CA 95134

From: (Public Agency): City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Ave.
Cupertino, CA 95014

(Address)

Project Title: TR-2026-041

Project Applicant: Chris Stewart - Certified Arborist WE-13682A

Project Location - Specific:
20820 McClellan Pl.

Project Location - City: Cupertino Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Retroactive Tree Removal Application for the removal of more than one-fourth of the canopy of a protected 26.5-inch DBH Coast Live Oak that is causing damage to the foundation of the residence, an AC unit and the property's driveway, planted 3 to 9 inches from the residence located at 20820 McClellan Road. Replacement trees are two 24-inch-box trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Cupertino

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Stewart (operations@urbantreemanagement.com)

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, Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Staff has found the project consistent with Cupertino Municipal Code (CMC) Section 14.18.170, stating that the removal of more than one-fourth of the functioning leaf and stem area of a protected tree in any twelve-month period is considered severe pruning which constitutes the removal of the tree. City staff has made the necessary finding that the amount of pruning conducted to the Coast Live Oak constitutes the removal of the tree.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Catherine Tarone Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 408-777-3297

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: Catherine Tarone Date: 9/30/2026 Title: Permit Technician

• 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: _____