

Notice of Determination

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: West Santa Clara Landscape Resiliency Project

Project Location: West Santa Clara County. The project area consists of a discontinuous collection of public and private parcels roughly bound by San Mateo County to the north, major thoroughfares that run to the east (from north to south: Foothill Expressway, State Route [SR] 85, and SR 101), the intersection of SR 101 and SR 129 to the south, and San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties to the west, primarily along Skyline Boulevard (SR 35) and Summit Road.

Project Description:

Located along the western boundary of Santa Clara County, the West Santa Clara Landscape Resiliency Project (WSCLRP) covers approximately 143,375 acres, from the wildland-urban interface (WUI) of the Santa Clara Valley and southern Bay Area west into the Santa Cruz Mountains (Map 1-1). The proposed treatment types are ecological restoration, WUI fuel reduction treatments, and fuel breaks. Proposed treatment activities consist of prescribed burning, manual treatments, mechanical treatments, targeted herbicide application, and prescribed herbivory. The majority of treatment coverage in the project area would be ecological restoration treatments across approximately 74,738 acres, with significant sections of WUI fuel reduction treatments across approximately 56,818 acres, and a network of strategically planned fuel breaks occupying approximately 11,819 acres primarily along ridgetops and important ingress and egress routes throughout the project area. These treatments would be phased and maintained over time based on availability of funding, resources, community outreach opportunities, and partner collaboration.

This project serves to facilitate future landscape-scale wildfire resilience treatments across a variety of settings and land ownership types (e.g., landscape-scale treatments on public land in primarily wildland conditions, small-scale treatments conducted adjacent to urban homes that combine vegetation management efforts with defensible space treatments). This work aims to mitigate wildfire risk, increasing community and ecological wildfire resiliency and enhancing biological diversity.

A Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum (PSA/Addendum) has been prepared for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The proposed treatment types and the treatment activities are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Saratoga Fire District (Lead Agency) approved the above-described project on **April 21, 2026** and has made the following determinations related to the PSA/Addendum:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The West Santa Clara County Landscape Resiliency Project PSA/Addendum PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR.
 - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in project areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape are within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
 - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape and revisions to four standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address these changes to the program.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by the Saratoga Fire District for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by the Saratoga Fire District for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

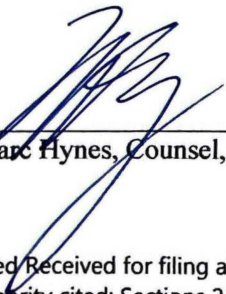
This is to certify that the West Santa Clara Landscape Resilience Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at the Saratoga Fire District office. The custodian of these documents is Stephen Harrington, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (sharrington@sccfiresafe.org, 831-419-2434), who is managing the documents on behalf of Saratoga Fire District Business Manager, Trina Whitley, to arrange viewing.



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