



# NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**Project Title:** Collaborative Fuels Reduction in Sonoma Valley  
**Public Agency:** Sonoma County  
**Project Applicant:** Sonoma Ecology Center  
**Applicant Address:** 461 7th Street West, Suite 1 Sonoma, CA 95476  
**Project Location:** Trinity, Henno, and Wolf Run Roads  
**Date of Approval:** 10/1/2024

**To:**  
County Clerk- Recorder Office  
County of Sonoma  
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

## DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The County of Sonoma proposes to fund the planned removal and treatment of 20 acres of invasive species, including defensible space around 15 homes or structures along Trinity, Henno and Wolf Run Roads. Reduction of highly flammable invasives will improve safety for residents while encouraging healthy ecological recovery in areas impacted by previous fires. Work will be limited to acacia and broom removal within the defensible space of structures and up to 50' from the edge of project area roads.

## EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions. Section 15304(i) Minor Alterations to Land

## REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections, Section 15304 (i) Minor Alteration to Land - Fuel management activities within 30 to 100 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The understory fuel reduction is a minor alteration to land that involves fuel management activities within 30 to 100 feet of structures.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

## Lead Agency Contact Person:

*Robert Aguero*

Robert Aguero, Senior Environmental Specialist  
Permit Sonoma  
Natural Resources Division  
(707) 565-3718

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: *[Signature]*  
Maria Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 10/02/2024  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 11/02/2024

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
49-10022024-323

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/02/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-1002-01
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PROJECT TITLE  
COLLABORATIVE FUELS REDUCTION IN SONOMA VALLEY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SONOMA ECOLOGY CENTER	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 61 7TH STREET WEST, SUITE 1	CITY SONOMA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95476
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**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,051.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,916.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,377.25 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ _____ \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ _____         |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Maria Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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