

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Paul Robins, Executive Director
Resource Conservation District of Monterey County
744-A La Guardia Street, Salinas, CA 93905

County Clerk
County of: Monterey

(Address)

Project Title: UCCE Prescribed Burn Association Training Burn at Santa Lucia Conservancy

Project Applicant: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Project Location - Specific:

Rancho San Carlos Road, T16S, R1E, El Potrero de San Carlos Rancho (MDBM)

Project Location - City: Carmel Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association will carry out 2 training burns on the Santa Lucia Preserve property, covering approximately 116 acres. The prescribed burns will take place during suitable weather conditions in accordance with Burn Plan under the supervision of certified burn boss, Phillip Dye. Site 1 "Lot 5 and Animus 1 Units" is 109 acres of grassland, coastal scrub, and oak woodland on the west side of Rancho San Carlos Road. Site 2 "Kelleher Unit" is 7 acres of brush encroached grasslands on the north side of Rancho San Carlos Road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4 (15304)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will result in only minor modifications to the landscape within the project area. The project qualifies as categorically exempt under Exemption Class 4 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Field review by the Registered Professional Forester confirmed that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. No exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Paul Robins Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831)975-7757

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: [Signature] Date: 8/2/2021 Title: Executive Director

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: