State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-08012025-300

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEADAGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE		08/01/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	25-0801-01

PROJECT TITLE
CAVEDALE ROAD FUEL REDUCTION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE		(707) 565-2550

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
400 AVIATION BLVD	SANTA ROSA	CA	95403

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** **$** $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT COPY - CDFW/ASB COPY - LEAD AGENCY COPY - COUNTY CLERK DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

Sonoma County Public Infrastructure
Johannes J. Hoevertsz, Director
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NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A-11 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: Cavedale Road Fuel Reduction
Lead Agency / County Agency of Filing: Sonoma County
Project Proponent (Applicant): Sonoma County Public Infrastructure
Applicant Address: 400 Aviation Blvd., Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Project Location: Cavedale Road from 150 Cavedale Road to the Intersection of Trinity Road
Date of Approval: July 16, 2025
Exemption Filed With: Sonoma County Clerk

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Sonoma Valley Fire District proposes to implement a shaded fuel break/roadside clearance from 150 Cavedale Road to the intersection of Trinity Road and extending up to 100 feet from established roads or routes on both sides. The treatment is designed to reduce fire intensity, slow wildfire spread, maintain safe evacuation and access routes, and provide defensible space for suppression activities.

Treatment Goals:
Maintain existing canopy cover (shade) while removing surface and ladder fuels.
Reduce the potential for crown fire by pruning lower branches and removing small understory vegetation.
Minimize ember production and heat release during wildfires.
Avoid environmental damage, such as erosion, through careful and selective manual work.

Implementation Methods:
Work will be conducted by hand crews using chainsaws, hand tools, chippers, and where necessary, pile burning. Mechanized equipment may be used.

Treatment Description:
The following actions define the shaded fuel break treatment:
Remove woody vegetation smaller than 6" in diameter by chipping, or pile burning.
Dead and downed woody material will be reduced by approximately 50% or more.
Logs over 10" diameter will not be chipped. These may be cut and left in contact with the ground to aid decomposition. Chipped material will be evenly scattered onsite with a depth no greater than 6 inches.

Residual trees (greater than 10" DBH):
Lower limbs will be pruned up to a minimum of 6 feet above ground.
Live pruning cuts shall be made at the branch collar and shall not exceed 8" in diameter.
Dead limbs may be removed up to the live portion of the branch.

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy Clerk

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through 09/01/2025

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Small trees (<10" DBH):
Retained in areas lacking overstory to promote future canopy development.
Crown spacing of at least 10 feet.
No more than 1/3 of the live crown may be removed during pruning.
Brush and understory vegetation (including invasive species like broom) may be cut as needed for access or treatment purposes.

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (c) Maintenance of existing highways and streets and 15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land - Fuel management activities within 30 feet 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 removal of dead, dying and hazardous trees is a maintenance activity of an existing public facility involving no expansion of use. The understory fuel reduction is a minor alteration to land that involves fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures.

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

Project Proponent:

Johannes J. Hoevertsz, Director
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