



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Brisbane Fuel Reduction

**PROJECT LOCATION** Portions of un-surveyed sections T3S, R5W MDB&M      **COUNTY** San Mateo

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Hand crews from Ben Lomond Conservation Camp have been requested by North County Fire Authority to maintain a four acre fuel break adjacent to homes in the San Bruno Mountain area of Brisbane. Approximately 10 years ago, the lower limbs of oak trees were pruned and French broom and coyote brush was removed along a 50 to 150 foot wide strip directly adjacent to 15 - 20 homes, extending approximately 2,000 feet in length. In order to maintain the effectiveness of this fuel break, crews will cut annual grasses with weed eaters and pull French broom by hand. The project will occur annually, during mid to late spring each year.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption    Type/Section: Class 4      §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

The work proposed is a minor alteration to vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is consistent with Categorical Exemption Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land. No activity is proposed that is listed as a limitation under CCR 15300.2 (a-f).

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/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/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018.

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Helge Eng, Deputy Director      Date 6/13/16  
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