

# Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Pump Station Fire Hardening Project

**Project Location:** Marin Water - owned lands and easements

**Project Location – County:** Marin

**Project Description:** The Pump Station Fire Hardening Project consists of defensible space and vegetation management improvements at 59 pump station sites throughout the District’s service area to reduce fuel loads, improve fire resiliency, and protect critical water infrastructure serving over 200,000 residents. The project builds on a 2024 aboveground infrastructure fire hardening assessment conducted in collaboration with the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA), which identified deficiencies and opportunities to improve wildfire preparedness around pump stations.

Work would occur within Defensible Space Zones 0 and 1, extending up to 30 feet from structures or the nearest property line, and would include thinning vegetation, removing debris piles, reducing ladder fuels, and clearing vegetation using manual and mechanical methods. The project is intended to reduce wildfire intensity near facilities, improve defensibility, and support emergency access and fire suppression activities during wildfire events.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin Municipal Water District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Marin Municipal Water District (Marin Water)

**CEQA Exemption Status:** Categorical Exemption Section

**Reason for Exemption:** The project qualifies for exemption from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.49 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), as the work consists of defensible space and vegetation management activities associated with existing facilities and minor alterations to vegetation with no expansion of use or impact to scenic trees.

**Project Approval:** N/A

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