



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Date: August, 19, 2026
Project Title: 2026 Rancho Santa Margarita access/egress road maintenance
Project Location: Rancho Santa Margarita, Nicasio Ca.
Assessor's Parcel: 121-210-74, 121-210-73, 121-260-23 & 121-210-69

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The Marin County Fire Department (MCFD) is conducting a fire road maintenance project on dirt fire roads on private property in the Rancho Santa Margarita subdivision. The purpose of the project is to reduce the risk of rapid wildfire spread, improve emergency vehicle access and community evacuation egress. The identified roads (see scope of work and project map) give the community a secondary egress route to be utilized during an emergency as well as access for emergency vehicles. Work is limited to existing road beds with minor vegetation cutting to establish 15' roadway corridor. The project is mutually beneficial to the community, fire department and land owners in the form of improved public safety. There is shared contributions by Marin County Fire Department in the form of equipment and labor and from private landowners in the form of gravel, rock and riprap. Equipment to be used are a grader, skiploader and hand pruning of encroaching vegetation with chainsaws.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Graham Groneman - Division Chief, Marin County Fire Department

Reasons for Exemption: MCFD has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following section of the California Administrative Code:

Categorical Exemption Class 4 - Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land:

This project fits under description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). Project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited and are best described as minor in scope. Field review 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Yellow line = roads to be graded on APN# 121-210-74 & 121-210-73

Red line = roads to be graded on APN# 121-210-69

Orange line = Fiber optic cable that crosses road near water tanks at the end of El Mirador

Blue line = Water pipe north side along road



