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- Notice of Determination
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
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- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY:
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL:
3. PROJECT TITLE:
4. APPLICANT NAME: PHONE:
5. APPLICANT EMAIL:
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS:
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity
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Notice of Determination

To: County Clerk
 County of Santa Clara

Office of Planning & Research
 1400 Tenth St., Room 121
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title		File
Sanborn-Upper Stevens Creek County Parks Forest Health Plan		N/A
State Clearinghouse Number	County Contact Person	Telephone Number
SCH 2019012052	Jeremy Farr, Principal Planner	(408) 355-2360
Project Location		APN (s)
Sanborn County Park 16055 Sanborn Road Saratoga, CA 95070 Upper Stevens Creek County Park Skyline Blvd Palo Alto, CA 94034		50346002, 50346002, 50346002, 51701011, 51702030, 51703005, 51703034, 51704034, 51704061, 51704062, 51704063, 51704064, 51705062, 51706004, 51706021, 51706022, 51728011, 51737006, 54408012, 54408013, 54417002, 54418005, 54419011, 54420011, 35112031, 35113013, 35113028, 35114059, 50301010
Project Description		
<p>Sanborn County Park is a 3,433-acre park located in the unincorporated portion of Santa Clara County west of the cities of Saratoga and Los Gatos. Upper Stevens Creek County Park is a 1,280-acre park located in the unincorporated portion of Santa Clara County approximately 7 miles northwest of Sanborn County Park.</p> <p>The Sanborn-Upper Stevens Creek County Parks Forest Health Plan (“Project” or “Forest Health Plan”) guides the forest management activities at Sanborn County Park and Upper Stevens Creek County Park. The Forest Health Plan was developed in response to an increase in tree mortality due to disease, pests, and prolonged drought. In addition, an increase in wildfire intensity and frequency required identifying management activities that could reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfire of the Parks and neighboring communities.</p> <p>The Forest Health Plan provides a long-term management strategy to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk, and proposes specific forest health projects to meet its goals and objectives. The specific projects identified for implementation throughout the Parks fall into three categories, with the majority of projects focused on fuel breaks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Breaks: Fuel breaks are areas where vegetation has been reduced or modified to minimize fuel loads, slow the spread of wildfire, and reduce the likelihood of dangerous wildfire conditions. Fuel breaks do not require the complete removal of vegetation and focus on reducing the density and height of grasses, shrubs, or surface material. Most of the fuel breaks in the Forest Health Plan are around Department structures, along access roads, and along key public roadways to contribute to regional wildfire prevention efforts. • Landscape Forest Health and Resilience: These projects are intended to address overall forest health by increasing tree health, reducing susceptibility to pests and disease, increasing resiliency to climate change and drought, and reducing the threat of high-severity wildfire. Treatment methods typically include understory thinning, removing trees less than 8 inches in diameter, removing dead or dying trees, control of invasive species, and removing certain species to preserve biodiversity of hardwood woodlands. These projects may include the selective removal of mature trees, however the goal of removal would be to mimic natural conditions and promote the growth of the remaining trees. Any large-scale, selective thinning of trees would require additional 		

planning and environmental compliance.

- **Prescribed Fire:** The reintroduction of prescribed fire is recommended by the Forest Health Plan as an effective tool for reducing fuel loads and re-establishing natural conditions. Prescribed fire recommendations would include pile burning and broadcast burning. Both types of prescribed burning would complement other treatment projects rather than be used as standalone fuel or wood waste reduction measures. Small burn piles can be created at or near the site of treatment while large burn piles are located in larger cleared areas. Piles are only burned when regulatory and weather conditions permit. Broadcast burning includes surface fire ignition within a treated, controlled forest area. Broadcast burning would be conducted with the approval of CAL FIRE and while working with other agencies and neighboring landowners.

The proposed projects would be coordinated with CAL FIRE, and other stakeholders and neighbors. The Department would monitor the effectiveness of projects and use adaptive management to adjust to changing conditions on the landscape.

CEQA Information for Project

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection certified a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report ("Final PEIR") for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP), adopted Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the CalVTP, and approved the Cal VTP, a statewide program through which public agencies can undertake individual vegetation treatment projects for the purposes of wildfire prevention throughout those portions of the State Responsibility Area designated as "treatable landscape."

A Project Specific Analysis/Addendum was prepared for the Forest Health Plan that analyzed potential impacts, including biological and cultural resources surveys of all project areas, and determined that the Forest Health Plan was within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR, as revised by the Addendum, and that no further CEQA documentation was required. There were no new impacts identified beyond those disclosed and analyzed in the CalVTP PEIR.

The County Department of Parks and Recreation will be implementing Standard Project Requirements and Mitigation Measures from the CalVTP PEIR to address impacts to Air Quality; Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources; Biological Resources; Geology, Soils, Paleontology, and Mineral Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazardous Materials, Public Health, and Safety; Hydrology and Water Quality; Noise; Recreation; Transportation; Public Services, and Utilities, and Service Systems.

A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was prepared pursuant to Public Resources code § 21081.6 that provides for implementation, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement of all conditions and mitigation measures adopted to mitigate and/or avoid the Project's environmental impacts. The County determined that the benefits of the Project outweigh the Project's remaining significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot feasibly be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(b), the County determined that there are specific overriding economic, social, and other benefits of the Project that outweigh its significant and unavoidable impacts. The County determined that these benefits, which will accrue to the general public, warrant approval of the Project notwithstanding the Project's remaining significant impacts, and include the following:

- a. The Project provides a long-term management strategy to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk.
- b. The Project will reduce risk to life, property, and natural resources in California.
- c. Implementation of the Project is critical to the continued use and enjoyment of the Sanborn and Upper Stevens Creek County Parks for current and future generations.
- d. The Project reflects the most current and commonly accepted science and conditions in California and allows for adaptation in response to potential evolution and changes in science and conditions.

- e. The Project will help to establish a natural environment that is more resilient and built assets that are more resistant to the occurrence and effects of wildland fire.

This is to advise that the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors has adopted the above- described project on August 15, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the project. The Program Environmental Impact Report, Project Specific Analysis/Addendum, and record of project approval may be examined at the Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation.

1. The Project will have will not have] a significant effect on the environment.
2. Monitoring Program was was not] adopted.
3. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
Mitigation Measures have have not] been made a condition of approval of the project.
4. An Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
Mitigation Measures have have not] been made a condition of approval of the project.
A *Statement of Overriding Considerations* was was not] adopted for this project.
 Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of CEQA.

Signature:



Title:

Principal Planner

Date:

8/16/2023



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PARKS AND	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jeremy.farr@prk.sccgov.org	DATE 08/17/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Clara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 SANBORN-UPPER STEVENS CREEK COUNTY PARKS FOREST HEALTH PLAN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PARKS AND	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jeremy.farr@prk.sccgov.org	PHONE NUMBER (408) 355-2200
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 298 GARDEN HILL DRIVE	CITY LOS GATOS	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95032

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$	\$3,839.25	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$		0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,305.25	\$		0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee				
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)				
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$		0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$		

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TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$3,889.25 0.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Corinne Vasquez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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