

RESOLUTION NO.: 24/25-03

DATED: September 11, 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING THE PROJECT SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND ADDENDUM TO CALIFORNIA VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROGRAMMATIC EIR FOR THE EVACUATION ROUTE AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP), approved by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) on December 30, 2019, is a statewide program by which public agencies, through a series of individual projects, will undertake to perform vegetation treatment activities for the purposes of wildfire prevention on lands within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) that make up the “treatable landscape,” and;

WHEREAS, on the same date on which the Board approved the CalVTP, the Board also certified a related Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to comprehensively address the anticipated environmental effects of vegetation treatment activities that might be conducted anywhere within the SRA “treatable landscape,” and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Forestry, acting as a CEQA lead agency, prepared the FPEIR with the goal of providing streamlined CEQA review for public agencies considering vegetation treatment activities within the treatable landscape, and;

WHEREAS, public agencies can rely solely on the FPEIR with (i) the completion of a Project Specific Analysis (PSA) showing that projects’ impacts are all covered by the FPEIR and (ii) the commitment to carry out all of the applicable Standard Project Requirements (SPRs) and mitigation requirements set forth in the FPEIR, and;

WHEREAS, the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District is a Special District established under Fire Protection District Law of 1987 in the state Health and Safety Code governs all 386 fire districts.; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District is assisting the Coast Ridge Forest Council with administration of CAL FIRE Grant Agreement Number #5GG21216 for the Evacuation Route and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project , and;

WHEREAS, this project covers 54 privately-owned properties in Sonoma County, approximately 25 miles west of Santa Rosa, CA. It is within the Upper Marshall Creek (1113850101), Upper South Fork Gualala River (1113850104); Lower Russian River HA: Ward Creek (1114120004); Russian Gulch HA: Black Mountain (1113900002) watersheds. The project areas is within the Cazadero-Fort Ross-Arched Rock USGS 7.5” quadrangle(s):

Section 2, Township 7N, Range 12W;

Section(s) 18 & 19, Township 8N, Range 11W

Section(s) 4-9 & 12-15 & 23-25 & 36, Township 8N, Range 12W

Section 32, Township 9N, Range 12W:

WHEREAS, Coast Ridge Forest Council on behalf of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District has prepared a Project Specific Analysis and Addendum for the; and identified applicable SPRs and mitigation requirements to be implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors for the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, based on the evidence presented, both written and oral, hereby approves the Project Specific Analysis and Addendum, Standard Project Requirements, and mitigation requirements for the Evacuation Route and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project.

Approved and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District this 11th day of September 2024.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 24/25-03 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman of the Board
Gold Ridge Fire Protection District

Clerk of the Board
Gold Ridge Fire Protection District