

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #2024-06
June 5, 2024

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
APPROVING THE GARLAND RANCH REGIONAL PARK EAST GARZAS ROAD SHADED
FUEL BREAK PROJECT AND FINDING IT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (or the “District”) owns and operates a 3,600-acre property known as Garland Ranch Regional Park located at 700 W Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel Valley, CA 93924 (the “Park”); and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2022, the Board of Directors adopted resolution #2022-10 Approving the Fuel Mitigation Activities at Garland Ranch Regional Park; including creation of a 6.2- acre shaded fuel break at the Park paralleling East Garzas Road; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2022, the Board directed staff to apply for funding from the State Coastal Conservancy’s Wildfire Resilience Program for grant funding to implement fuel reduction projects at the Park, including the East Garzas Road Shaded Fuel Break; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted resolution #2023-12 approving the grant of funds from the State Coastal Conservancy’s Wildfire Resilience Grant Program for implementation of the East Garzas Road Shaded Fuel Break; and

WHEREAS, prior to approving the Project the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”, Public resources Code Section 21000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the State CEQA Guidelines categorically exempt 33 classes of project from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Class 4 categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15304) applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.; and

WHEREAS, Class 4, section (i) outlines that: fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024 Monterey County Regional Fire District determined that vegetation treatments in Garland Ranch Regional Park within 100 feet of East Garzas Road are required due to extra hazardous fire conditions of the Central Coast, and can implemented as long as treatments do not result in take to endangered, threatened, or

rare, plant or animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered the exceptions to the exemptions cited under California Code of Regulations Title 14, section 15300.2 and none of the exceptions apply the to the East Garzas Road Shaded Fuel Break Project; and

WHEREAS, the District has concluded that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 4 categorical exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND CERTIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. No further environmental review for the Project is required under CEQA.
3. The Garland Ranch Regional Park East Garzas Road Shaded Fuel break Project is approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, this 5th day of Jun 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ATTEST:

Kevin Raskoff, President
Board of Directors

Monta Potter, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors