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**Re: Approval of Pollock Pines Park Forest Fuels Management Project
and Adoption of Finding that the Project is Categorically Exempt
from the California Environmental Quality Act**

Honorable Supervisors:

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Pollock Pines Park Forest Fuels Management Project and find that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption.

Reasons for Recommendation:

At its meeting of January 13, 2009, the Board voted to support Supervisor Nutting's plan for a fire safe program for Pollock Pines Park and authorized him to work with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of General Services. Supervisor Nutting has prepared a work plan describing the nature of work to be done. That work plan accompanies this memorandum. He is still working on the logistical questions of who and through what mechanisms the work will be performed.

The purpose of this agenda item is to get the Board's approval of the project work plan and to adopt an appropriate finding under CEQA for the project. It is recommended that the Board finds that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines—a Class 1 exemption. A Class 1 exemption is for activities that consist of "the operation, repair, maintenance, . . . or minor alteration of existing public or

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private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. . . ." An example given of such activities is "[m]aintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs . . ." This project seems to fit this description perfectly.

Actions to Be Taken After Approval:


Staff will file a Notice of Exemption.

Fiscal Impact:

None, to this action. There may be some cost to actually carrying out the project, which has yet to be determined.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the Board might have.

Respectfully submitted,


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Cc: Chief Administrative Officer
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