



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Jack London State Historic Park Composting Program

LOCATION: Jack London State Historic Park ([SDC Orchard](#)) **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Build a composting site in the historic Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) orchard in Jack London State Historic Park to recycle green waste material generated through park maintenance activities. Work will:

- Clear an area approximately 100' by 60' in a naturally screened location within the interior of the orchard landscape;
- Install a lockable storage bin for tools and testing equipment;
- Construct a short access road from Orchard Trail to the compost site, 8' wide and approximately 60' long, surfaced with compacted red road base;
- In the initial phase of the project, create and manage active compost piles as open piles in the cleared site; and
- As funding becomes available in the future, construct an open bay system to manage the piles in, consisting of a concrete pad and concrete masonry walls (CMU) measuring 10' by 50' by 6" thick, with a 12" by 12" footing around the edge and CMU walls separating the pad into five bays approximately 10' by 10'.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 3 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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