CEQA # 13191
District Project # 2020-19

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: Bennett Ridge Shaded Fuel Break and Park Access Road Clearance

LOCATION: Trione-Annadel State Park (Annadel) **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct fuel reduction and vegetation management along park access roads and the Bennett Ridge park boundary in Trione-Annadel State Park to improve emergency access and reduce fire risk. Work will:

- Remove dead trees and live trees with poor vigor or structure while retaining limited dead trees with nest cavities and other habitat features;
- Thin remaining trees and shrubs;
- Remove ladder fuels by pruning the branches on trees and shrubs up to a height of 10 feet;
- Remove, pile burn, chip, and/or lop and scatter dead and downed woody fuel and slash;
- Leave select slash and large logs onsite for erosion control.

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: 4* *Section: 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Project consists of minor public alterations of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, and is included as “resource management projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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