

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of General Services
707 Third Street, 5th Floor
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Project Title: Tree Maintenance at former Sonoma Developmental Center

Project Location – Specific: 15000 Arnold Drive, Eldridge, CA 95431

Project Location - City: Eldridge

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes trees and vegetation maintenance at the former Sonoma Developmental Center, per the recommendations of a detailed licensed arborist inventory and assessment. The work includes felling of dead or diseased trees, pruning of dead and broken limbs and branches, and removing mistletoe and applying mistletoe inhibitor consistent with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the application, and removing vines from buildings. Other services include material and debris hauling, chipping, stump grinding, and supplying topsoil to restore surfaces. The project is conditioned to perform nesting bird surveys should field work be performed during nesting bird season and includes best management practices protecting soil and water resources from contamination, and traffic control measures to protect vehicles and pedestrians in the area. The project would remove imminent hazards and improve pedestrian safety and protect property from damage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of General Services

Name of Person Carrying Out Project: Gerald McLaughlin, RESD-AMB, (916) 375-4009

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Section 15301 – Existing Facility

Reasons why project is exempt:

The activity consists of tree and vegetation removal and maintenance and minor alteration of the existing facility vegetation landscape. While former SDC landscape is eligible for listing as an historic resource, the State determined that the proposed activity is compatible would not adversely impact the character defining features of the district's historic resource. The project will not have a significant effect on other resources in the area. State confirms that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of an exemption for this project.

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Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.