

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Redwood Gate

Project Applicant: Allison Family Redwood Gate Ranch LLC

Project Location - Specific:

T8N R12W Within Muniz Rancho, Arched Rock Quad, Sonoma County

Project Location - City: Jenner

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Treatments will target roughly 100-300 trees per acre with the majority of trees to be treated ranging from 4-8" DBH for removal. Residual trees within this size class, will be spaced such that no tree will be closer than 14 feet to another. Treatments will cut down trees under 8" DBH, and this material will either be chipped or pile burned in appropriate areas during the winter. The project also proposes planting of redwoods in between spaces created by dying tanoak trees which are afflicted with sudden oak death; spacing of these trees will be variable and minor in scope.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Allison Family Redwood Gate Ranch LLC

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alteration to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in PRC§753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for at most impacts that are less than significant to the environment, having provided adequate measures for avoidance of sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jason Wells, RPF#3014

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-769-1448 x-107

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Valerie O Date: 6/8/2021 Title: Executive Director

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____