

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Monan's Rill

Project Applicant: Monan's Rill Association

Project Location - Specific:

T8N R7W NW Portions of Section 23 Mount Diablo BL&M

Project Location - City: Santa Rosa

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Treatments in Units A, D, and E will target burned oak woodland with manzanita and live oak, treatments will mostly be light, under 100 stems per acre, and will involve removal of trees under 8" DBH. Treatments in Units B, C, and F 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 in all units will cut down trees under 8" DBH, and this material will be pile burned in appropriate areas during the winter.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Monan's Rill Association

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: _____