

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 - O'Leary

Project Applicant: Dennis O'Leary

Project Location - Specific:

T7N R10W SE 1/4 Section 26 and a portion of the SW 1/4 Section 25, T8NR11W, Mou

Project Location - City: Guerneville

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project area has already been treated via lop-and-scatter under the Natural Resource Conservation Service's program EQIP. The end result of the project produced significant amounts of ground-level fuels in the 1 to 100 hour fuel categories. Under typical conditions these fuels are expected to decompose, however given the current drought conditions this fuel loading problem constitutes an unnecessary risk to the residual standing timber. The project will involve piling this material and either chipping where feasible or pile burning in the winter.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dennis O'Leary

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: _____