



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:** Lawndale Woody Ladder Fuels Removal

**LOCATION:** Trione-Annadel State Park ([Lawndale](#))      **COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove woody ladder fuels and non-native vegetation in the Lawndale region of Trione-Annadel State Park to improve biodiversity and native forest resilience and decrease potential fire threat by reducing vertical fuel continuity. Work will:

- Remove non-native eucalyptus trees less than 24” Diameter-at-breast-height (DBH);
- Remove Douglas-fire seedlings and saplings less than approximately 6” DBH;
- Remove and lop and scatter woody debris and dead understory fuels;
- Prune dead branches off trees that will remain up to a height of 10 feet;
- Remove French broom by hand or with a weed wrench; and
- Chip, remove, or lop and scatter smaller woody material, branches and slash to less than 18” height from ground and 24” length, leaving logs greater than 4” diameter in up to 8’ lengths.

All work will be carried out outside of bird breeding season (March 1 – September 15) and no equipment will travel off State Park system roads or trails to accomplish the work.

**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 or private alterations in the condition of land and/or 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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