

# 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 - Arai

Project Applicant: Chris Arai

Project Location - Specific:

**4451 Pine Flat Road**

Project Location - City: Healdsburg

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to replant trees in the footprint of the 2019 Kincadee Fire. Treatments will include site preparation for the success of the seedlings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Arai

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

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**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: 12/21/2021

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: \_\_\_\_\_