



State of California – The Natural 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: Boundary, Defensible Space, and Roadside Vegetation Management

LOCATION: China Camp State Park

COUNTY: Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct vegetation modification work in China Camp State Park for ecological and wildfire resilience, cultural resource protection, and fuel management. Work will occur within the defensible space zone of up to 130 feet from structures and other high priority facilities or resources, where a hazard tree has been identified by State Parks, where fuels increase fire risk to the historic China Camp Village, and along strategic roads to facilitate ingress/egress, and minimum impact suppression tactics in the event of a wildfire. This project includes maintenance and limited expansion of existing vegetation modification zones, not more than 130 feet from homes, including the McNear Drive, Knight Drive, and Glenwood Defensible Space zones. Work may be done by State Parks, contracted crews working for State Parks, or park neighbors (or their contractors) along the park boundary through issuance of Right of Entry Permits. Work will:

- Remove dead trees and live trees with poor vigor or structure;
- Thin remaining trees and shrubs;
- Remove ladder fuels by pruning the branches on trees and shrubs up to 10 feet above ground;
- Lop and scatter, chip, pile burn, and/or burn in an air curtain burner all downed woody fuel, twigs, and material generated from work;
- Remove dead organic matter and/or plant parts on, under, or in contact with any structures;
- Cut grass to 4 inches high or less; and
- Meet resource management goals including retaining sensitive native plant species, removing invasive plant species unless historic, and retaining wildlife snags and logs.

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 alterations of land and 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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