

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Marin

3501 Civic Center Dr #234

San Rafael, CA 94903

From: (Public Agency): _____
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
2776 Sullivan Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472

(Address)

Project Title: Stinson Beach Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Site Tree Stand Management Project

Project Applicant: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

APN 195-171-15 and 195-171-16

Project Location - City: Stinson Beach Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project site is an approximately 1 acre tree stand that serves as overwintering habitat for migratory western monarch butterflies. The site is overgrown, shading out monarchs seeking sheltered sunny roosting spots. A small crew will perform minor tree work with hand tools to open the site and reduce fuel loads

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Noelle Johnson, Program Manager

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: 15333 Small Habitat Restoration
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project area is less than 5 acres, with activities conducted to restore habitat for overwintering monarchs and carried out with hand labor and not mechanized equipment. The work will be conducted after the overwintering season, with a Qualified Biologist performing a breeding bird survey prior to work.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Noelle Johnson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-834-8880

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: *Noelle Johnson* Date: 02.02.2022 Title: Program Manager

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: _____