

CEQA # 13696
District Project # 2022-08



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: Improved Emergency Ingress/Egress and Expanded Defensible Space

LOCATION: Jack London State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to improve ingress/egress routes and defensible spaces in Jack London State Historic Park to facilitate firefighter access and operation in the event of future wildfire activity and to protect park resources. Work will be in the following areas:

- Wolf House Service Road
- Wolf House Ruins
- House of Happy Walls Museum
- Pig Palace/Smoke House
- Orchard Road
- Red Hill Road
- Lave Service Road/ Mountain Trail
- Vineyard Trail

Work will include thinning and/or removal of understory fuels, limbing of trees to up to 10-feet above ground level, removal of trees up to 10-inches DBH with overlapping or contiguous canopy, removal of standing dead trees, removal of fallen dead woody material, removal of trees with heavy lean over the road and maintenance of road edge clearance. All vegetation work in each area, especially around standing structures, will be reviewed in the field by a State Parks cultural resource specialist to ensure proper surveys are conducted and to discuss site specific treatment measures. Vegetation removal work will occur outside of migratory bird nesting season and no mature, healthy, scenic trees will be removed.

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:* 1, 4 *Section:* 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures and/or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural 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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