

State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Bale Grist Mill Repair of Pedestrian Access to Bridge

LOCATION: Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Napa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Napa County Regional Park and Open Space Planning District, with support from the California State Parks Trail Crew will replace the superstructure of the pedestrian bridge across Mill Creek that provides access to the mill in Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park to allow park visitors continued access to the historic mill. The Bale Grist Mill will be closed during construction with advanced notification to State Parks and signage will be posted at all entry points. Work will:

- As necessary, prune vegetation and trim trees to provide access to the bridge;
- Remove an existing information kiosk and park bench and reinstall once work is completed;
- Install a drop cloth below the work area to prevent sawdust and other work materials from entering the waterway;
- Remove the decaying stringers and reuse the existing substructure as is; and
- Install new stringers and bridge decking.

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

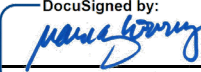
Class: 1,2 & 4

Section: 15301, 15302 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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