



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:** Marsh Trail Improvements for Watershed and Natural Resource Protection

**LOCATION:** Trione-Annadel State Park                      **COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project proposes to make improvements to the Marsh Trail in Trione-Annadel State Park to protect water quality and natural resources and improve access for park visitors, staff, and emergency vehicles. Work will:

- Remove an existing cattle guard and pedestrian bridge;
- At the White Oak entrance, improve the trail and entrance to an existing restroom;
- Excavate to install 18-inch culverts within the existing road prism, in-line with the drainage;
- Add gravel material around the culverts to stabilize them, and cap them with a Class 2 road base aggregate;
- Build XX (xx) elevated causeways to accommodate Class C fire engines;
- Use local vegetation materials and duff to cover exposed soil and restore previously impacted areas; and
- Downstream of the Ledson Marsh Spillway, install a prefabricated engineered 20-foot bridge over the stream.

**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, 3, 4                      *Section:* 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, and topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and is listed as “Trail or road repairs” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. .

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