

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Napa

1127 1st St suite A

Napa, CA 94559

From: (Public Agency): Napa County Resource Conservation District
1303 Jefferson st, Suite 500B
Napa, CA 94559

(Address)

Project Title: Wantrup Preserve Habitat Enhancement Project 2024

Project Applicant: Land Trust of Napa County - 1700 Soscol Ave. Suite 20 Napa, CA 94559

Project Location - Specific:

T8N R5W Sections 0, 2, T9N R5W Sections 0, 35, 36

Project Location - City: St. Helena Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to remove invasive species including annual grasses through manual, mechanical, and biological means. Mechanical tools will be limited to small power tools including weed whackers. The project also proposes to hand plant oak trees and introduce grazing to increase plant species diversity. Chipping of woody residue will also take place and chips will be used for oak planting maintenance. Chipping will only occur on established roads. This project will take place across the 458 acre property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Napa County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Land Trust of Napa County - 1700 Soscol Ave. Suite 20 Napa, CA 94559

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: 15304 Minor Alteration to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because the planned activities have been reviewed experts from pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for impacts that are, at the most, less than significant to the environment, having provided adequate measures for avoidance of sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alex Wilbanks Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-690-3129

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:  Date: 5/20/2024 Title: Executive Director

▪ 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: _____