



**State of California – The 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  
Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District  
12301 North Hwy 1  
Mendocino, CA 95460

**PROJECT TITLE:** Salt Point Coastal Terrace Prescribed Burn Plan

**LOCATION:** Salt Point State Park

**COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Reintroduce fire to 350 acres of grassland within Salt Point State Park to preserve coastal grassland habitat, reduce encroachment of woody species and reduce fuel accumulation which will result in a vegetation community that is more resilient to future wildfires, climate change and be able to support a broader range of species. Burn units will range in size from .5-40 acres. Control lines will primarily consist of 10-ft wide mow lines around the perimeter of each burn unit. If deemed necessary by the burn boss or designee the following actions may be taken while preparing burn units:

- Remove limbs up to a height of 15-ft (from the uphill side) on trees;
- Modify, relocate, and reconfigure downed and dead material;
- Selectively remove tree seedlings, saplings, and poles less than 11-in. DBH;
- Create spacing between shrubs and trees (2x the shrubs height);
- Fell dead and dying trees while maintaining sufficient snags for wildlife habitat;
- Mow dry grass and relocate clippings;
- Rake away excess litter and duff or create a scratch line around the base of trees, snags, stumps, infrastructure, developed areas, structures, and/or other resources.

Prior to start of controlled burns, a DPR Environmental Scientist(s) shall identify protected wildlife and plant species and habitat and prescribe proper measures to maintain or increase populations and habitat and to avoid adverse impacts, and a DPR Archaeologist(s) shall identify protected sites and prescribe proper treatments to avoid adverse impacts. Tribal consultation shall be initiated when required.

The project may require temporary closure of trails during project implementation, and/or have trail use be restricted, for public safety. Adjacent property owners will be notified before any broadcast burn event. Public notifications will be made via social media and/or news outlets before any broadcast burn event.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption *Class: 1 and 4* *Section: 15301 and 15304*

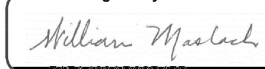
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" and "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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