

CEQA # 14150
District Project # 2023-03



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: Pioneer Tree Trail Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Samuel P. Taylor State Park **COUNTY:** Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The goal of this project is to repair damage and improve the Pioneer Tree Trail within Samuel P. Taylor State Park to allow for continued use of the trail by park visitors. Crews will:

- Reshape the trail tread;
- Reconstruct four (4) existing switchbacks and 8,317 linear feet of Pedestrian/Equestrian trails;
- Construct a minor reroute on the eastern segment of the trail to bring the trail higher on the hillside and allow for sheet flow drainage and proper switchback construction;
- Improve four (4) existing interpretive panels and four (4) trail side benches ;
- Remove four (4) existing culverts and headwalls and construct five (5) trail bridges and two (2) puncheons to support natural drainage into Lagunitas Creek; and
- Construct a boardwalk at the site of the Pioneer Tree, near the existing interpretive panel.

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, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, 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; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees , and is listed as “Utility repairs or minor upgrades”, “Trail or road repairs”, “Construction or installation of park facilities, such as signs” and “Trail construction or realignment” in the Department of Parks and Recreations list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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