

**CEQA # 14237**  
District Project # 2024-14



**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:** Roadside Fuel Reduction for Enhanced Access and Ecological Resilience

**LOCATION:** Robert Louis Stevenson State Park      **COUNTY:** Napa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project consists of vegetation reduction and/or modification along fire roads and Highway 29 in and adjacent to Robert Louis Stevenson State Park to improve access along road corridors and enhance ecological resilience in the park. Crews will:

- Thin and remove targeted vegetation, such as small diameter conifers, bay laurels and trees and ladder fuels up to 20-in. DBH;
- Remove dead woody plant material, shrubs, and small trees;
- Limb larger trees up to a height of 10-ft;
- Prune foliage of retained trees up to 10-ft. above ground or up to 1/3 of total live foliage;
- Thin live shrubs; and
- Burn or chip vegetative material.

**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, 4      *Section:* 15301, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, and is included as “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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