



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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| RECEIPT NUMBER:<br>49-05152025-189         |
| STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable) |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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| LEAD AGENCY<br>GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL             | DATE<br>05/15/2025 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br>SONOMA                  | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>25-0515-05 |                    |

PROJECT TITLE  
NORTH BAY FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - WESTWOOD LANE

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| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br>GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br>(707)779-1448 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br>2776 SULLIVAN RD              | CITY<br>SEBASTOPOL      | STATE<br>CA                   |
|  |                         | ZIP CODE<br>95472             |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,123.50 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$2,968.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$1,401.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee   |            |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00   | \$ _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |            | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |            | \$ _____ |

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED    \$ 50.00

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| SIGNATURE<br><i>X M J Damon</i> | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE<br>Mary Damon, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder |
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# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P O Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency). Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District  
2776 Sullivan Road  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

County Clerk

County of Sonoma

[Redacted signature box]

Project Title. North Bay Forest Improvement Program – Westwood Lane

Project Applicant ~~Westwood Lane Neighborhood~~ Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Several parcels along Westwood Lane in Occidental (APNs 074-140-051, 074-150-017, 074-150-058, 074-150-061, 074-150-011, 074-150-059, 074-150-050, 074-150-062)

Project Location - City. Occidental Project Location - County. Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is located in Occidental, CA The project will be taking place across the boundaries of 8 private properties on Westwood Lane, a private road. Project area slopes are moderate and aspect is all encompassing. Vegetation is primarily redwood and Douglas-fir with tanoak, California bay laurel, madrone, and coast live oak Evergreen huckleberry, California hazel, blackberry, and poison oak are the predominant understory species Treatments will target roughly 100-300 trees per acre with the majority of basal area to be treated in trees ranging from 4-12" DBH for removal. Small trees and brush will be masticated and heavy hand treatment of brush will occur. Follow-up treatment involving pile burning and chipping or masticating residual material Some trees larger than 12"DBH may be treated, but these trees shall be limited to those determined to be dying or an imminent hazard due to either Sudden Oak Death disease (Phytophthora ramorum) or otherwise determined and marked by a Registered Professional Forester or their qualified designee Work will be completed using hand crews and heavy equipment. Operational limitations for watercourses shall include a no operation buffer without clearance from a qualified Registered Professional Forester or qualified biologist determining non-presence of species listed under the Federal or State Endangered Species Act; these limitations shall take place within 50 feet for Class II watercourses and 75 feet for Class I watercourses for side slopes under 50%, side slopes over 50% shall include an additional 25-foot buffer.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John Williams

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.

The project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in PRC§753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for at most impacts that are 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. Jason Wells, RPF #3014

Area Code/Telephone/Extension 707-769-1448 x 107

<sup>3</sup> Deva Marje Proto, County Clerk  
BY: MJ Vasson  
Mary Damon, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 05/15/2025  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 06/15/2025

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**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: Brittany Janson Date: 5/14/2025 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