



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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: Shell Beach Prescribed Grazing Phase 1

LOCATION: Sonoma Coast State Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will reintroduce grazing to 20 acres of coastal grassland habitat within Sonoma Coast State Park to reduce fuel accumulation and enhance coastal grassland habitat. This proposed high-intensity, short-duration grazing will reduce both coyote brush and grass thatch.

The project will consist of two (2) treatments, each lasting 3 to 6 weeks and occurring 9 to 12 months apart. Existing trails will be used to transport animals and equipment. Impacts to visitor's use of trails are expected to occur only while animals are being brought to and from the project site.

Temporary electric fencing and guardian animals will be used to keep animals within the proposed project area. Water will be brought in from off site and informational signage will be posted at trailheads.

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:* 4 *Section:* 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve 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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